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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 9 A.M. on Friday, the 21st December, 1956.

PRESENT

Shri Kuladhar Chaliha, B. L., Speaker, in the Chair, the nine Ministers, the four Deputy Ministers and forty-six Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Settlement of Undeclared Public Ferries with Private or Public individuals

Shri MAL CHANDRA PEGU asked:

*1. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Deputy Commissioner of the District can give settlement of the undeclared public ferries of the State with private or public individuals ?

(*b*) If not, how one Shri Narendra Das, son of Maniram Das of Tezpur town has been given settlement of the proposed Dhonsirimukh-Gomiri ghat ferry by the then Deputy Commissioner of Darrang District pending declaration of the said ferry as public ferry and under what section of the Northern India Ferry Act ?

(*c*) When the recommendation that the proposed undeclared Dhonsirimukh-Gomiri ghat ferry should be settled with the aforesaid Narendra Das of Tezpur town by the then Deputy Commissioner of Darrang was received by Government ?

(*d*) After receipt of the recommendation from the Deputy Commissioner of Darrang, whether Government had directed the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, to settle the said ghat with Shri Narendra Das pending declaration of the same ?

(*e*) When the Government and the Commissioner of Division (Plains) had received the recommendation from the then Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, Mr. R. H. Shaw, that the said proposed ferry should be given settlement with one Shri Dehiram Doley as private ferry pending declaration of the proposed Dhonsirimukh-Gomiri ghat ferry by Government ?

(*f*) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, was directed to settle the ghat with Dehiram Doley as recommended by the Deputy Commissioner ?

(*g*) If not, why not ?

(*h*) When the proposal from the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar and Chairman, Golaghat Local Board, as to declaration of the proposed Dhonsirimukh-Gomiri ghat ferry had been received by Government ?

(*i*) Why the proposed Dhonsirimukh-Gomiri ghat ferry has not been declared as public ferry up till now despite the proposals already being received by Government ?

(*j*) Whether Government proposes to declare the said proposed ghat as Public Ferry within the month of December 1956 ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister) replied :

1. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—The proposed ferry has been settled with Shri Narendra Das by the Madhya Chaiduar Rural Panchayat and not by the Deputy Commissioner.

(*c*)—In March 1956.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—The proposal was received by the Commissioner of Plains Division in January 1956 and by Government in March 1956.

(*f*)—No.

(*g*)—Government are not competent to order settlement of a ferry unless it is declared as a Public Ferry under the provisions of the Northern India Ferries Act, 1878.

(*h*)—In March 1956.

(*i*)—Government had to make correspondence with the local officers and the Commissioner of Plains Division as to the claims to the proposed ferry made by the Tezpur Local Board, Madhya Chaiduar Rural Panchayat and the Golaghat Local Board, which took time.

(*j*)—Yes, as soon as possible.

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: এই দৰে পঞ্চায়তে 'ফেৰি' 'চেষ্টল' কৰাৰ কিবা ক্ষমতা আছে নেকি ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister): নাই।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: যদি নাই, তেনেহলে উক্ত 'ফেৰি' শ্ৰী নৰেন্দ্ৰ নাথ দাসৰ লগত কেনেকৈ 'চেষ্টল' কৰিলে ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): আপুনি কি প্ৰশ্ন কৰিছে আকৌ কওকচোন ?

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটো হৈছে ফেৰী 'চেষ্টল' কৰিবৰ কাৰণে যদি পঞ্চায়তৰ কোনো ক্ষমতাই নাই, তেনেহলে শ্ৰী নৰেন্দ্ৰ নাথ দাসৰ লগত কেনেকৈ ফেৰী 'চেষ্টল' কৰিলে ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister): সেই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰৰ ওচৰত কোনো খবৰ নাই।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: শ্ৰী দেহিৰাম দলৈৰ মটৰ লাঞ্ছন 'চিজ্' কৰা কথাটো সচাঁনে ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister): চৰকাৰৰ তেনে কোনো খবৰ নাই। ডেপুটি কমিশ্যনাৰে যদি কৰিছে কব নোৱাৰো।

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Chairman, North Lakhimpur Local Board

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA asked :

1. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to reply—

(*a*) Whether the Chairman, North Lakhimpur Local Board drew an amount of Rs.25,029 from the North Lakhimpur Sub-treasury in 1953 on account of compensatory grants for Local Board market and pound collections ?

(*b*) Whether the collection of Local Board markets and pounds revenue for the year concerned were made by the State Government for the Local Board or they were made direct by the Board ?

(*c*) If the dues were collected by the Board itself direct from the lessees concerned ?

(*d*) If so, why the amount was paid to the Board ?

(*e*) If the attention of the Minister concerned was drawn to this payment by the Questioner as far back as the 2nd November, 1953 ?

(*f*) If so, what enquiry, if any, has been made so far to ascertain if any undue amount has been drawn from the State funds by the said Local Board and with what result ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister) : replied :

1. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) & (*f*)—The required informations are being collected and will be supplied to the Questioner as early as possible.

Maulavi SARVESWAR BORUWA : Sir, may I ask the Hon'ble Minister if he received my letter of the 2nd November, 1953?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister) : As far as I remember, I received it.

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA : Did he make any enquiry about this at that time?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): Sir it was sent for enquiry and the hon. Member was informed of that.

Mr SPEAKER: When did he receive the result of the enquiry?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): All this information was being collected. It is not possible for me to reply off-hand.

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA: Sir, my point is that when he made enquiry in 1953, has he taken all these three years to get the reply?

Mr. SPEAKER: As regards that particular letter, probably the Minister-in-charge has not directed to make enquiry into that letter, which I hope he will do now.

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): Sir, as far as I remember I directed to make an enquiry.

Mr. SPEAKER: Then why the result has not yet been communicated to him ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): Probably the answer was communicated to him.

Mr. SPEAKER: You will please communicate now the result of enquiry within a fortnight.

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): Yes, Sir, that can be done.

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA: Still Sir, it has already taken three years.

Loan of rupees one lakh to North Lakhimpur Local Board

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA asked:

2. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) If the North Lakhimpur Local Board took a loan of Rs.1,00,000 for improving four roads ?

(*b*) If so, what were those roads ?

(*c*) If three of those roads have been taken over by the State Government for improvement to the Public Works Department standard ?

(*d*) If the Local Board has submitted any utilisation report of the amount of the loan ?

(*e*) If so, how and on what roads the amount has been spent ?

(*f*) Whether the amount has been diverted to some other purposes than the roads specified in the loan application ?

(*g*) If so, whether previous permission of Government was obtained ?

(*h*) If the reply to (*g*) above be in the affirmative, what is the reference number and date of this letter according permission ?

3. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) If an amount of Rs.75,000 was placed at the disposal of the Chairman, North Lakhimpur Local Board in 1954-55 for Test Relief Work ?

(*b*) If the said amount was subsequently supplemented by further grants and if so, to what extent ?

(*c*) What works were executed by the Board and how ?

(*d*) Whether the expenditure was checked through any other agency and if so, how and through what agency ?

(*e*) Whether the President, District Congress Committee, North Lakhimpur wrote a letter to the Minister concerned on 20th December 1954 pointing out the defects in the execution of the work and in the procedure adopted by the Chairman ?

(*f*) If so, what action, if any, was adopted by the Government to remedy the defects pointed out ?

Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister): replied

2. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) & (*h*).—The required informations are being collected and will be supplied to the Questioner as early as possible.

3. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) & (*f*)—The required informations are being collected and will be supplied to the Questioner as early as possible.

Number of Lower Primary Schools in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri DEBESWAR RAJKHOWA asked :

4. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to refer to the interim reply given to Unstarred Question No.55 asked by the Questioner on the 7th September, 1956 and state—

(*a*) The number of Lower Primary Schools that existed in the Golaghat Subdivision before 1952, Mauza-wise ?

(*b*) The number of Lower Primary Schools that are in existence till now in the Golaghat Subdivision after 1952, Mauza-wise ?

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister) replied:

4. (*a*) & (*b*)—A statement is placed on the library table.

Total mileage of Public Works Department Roads in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri DEBESWAR RAJKHOWA asked:

5. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to refer to the interim reply given to Unstarred Question No.31 asked by the Questioner on 7th September, 1956 and now state—

(*a*) Mileage of Public Works Department Roads that existed Mouzawise in Golaghat Subdivision before 1952 ?

(*b*) Mileage of Public Works Department Roads that are in existence Mouza-wise in Golaghat Subdivision after 1952 ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) replied:

5. (*a*) & (*b*)—The total mileages of roads in Golaghat Subdivision before and after 1952 are 265·812 and 384·517 respectively.

Records of road-mileage are not kept Mouza-wise by Public Works Department.

Golaghat-Sikarighat Road

Shri DEBESWAR RAJKHOWA asked:

6. Will the Public Works Department Minister be pleased to state the total cost of repairing the Golaghat-Sikarighat road in Golaghat Subdivision since 1952 till now ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) replied:

6. The total cost of repairing Golaghat-Sikarighat Road since 1952 till September, 1956, is Rs.1,94,317 only.

Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies of Golaghat

Shri DEBESWAR RAJKHOWA asked:

7. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(*a*) The period during which Shri C. K. Hazarika acted as Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies at Golaghat?

(*b*) When was he transferred from Golaghat and to which place?

(*c*) What was the amount that he drew as travelling allowance on his transfer from Golaghat to the place to where he was posted (details may be given)?

8. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Shri C. K. Hazarika, the then Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies while he was at Golaghat enjoyed rice concession or free ration?

(*b*) If so, for how many heads he drew rice concession or free ration?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) replied:

7. (*a*) From 10th January, 1952 to 16th January. 1953.
(*b*) On 17th January, 1953. To Nalbari.
(*c*) Total travelling allowance drawn Rs.100-3-0.

(Details)

(*i*) Three fares—Self, wife and one for two children at Rs.13-8-0 each (Mail) Inter Class.
(*ii*) Two fares for self (Passenger) Inter Class at Rs.11-9-0.
(*iii*) Fifteen maunds of personal effects.
(*iv*) Route—Train and road.

8. (*a*) He enjoyed rice concession
(*b*) For three members.

Minimum programme drawn up by the Central Community Development Ministry for provision of Medical and Public Health purposes

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA asked:

9. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) If the State Government have taken steps to avail of the benefit of the minimum programme recently drawn up by the Central Community Development Ministry for provision of Medical and Public Health Services in the National Extension Service Blocks?

(*b*) If so, how Government propose to ultilise the Capital and recurring grants of Rs.10,000 and Rs.30,000 respectively in each National Extension Service Block?

(*c*) If Government are aware of the long standing want of a hospital in the Naoboisa Mauza in the North Lakhimpur Subdivision, where it was proposed to locate one Primary Health Centre out of the two from a Central allotment for that Subdivision for this year?

(*d*) If it is a fact that the said proposed Primary Health Centre was ultimately transferred to the Headquarters of the other National Extension Service Block at Bihpuria on the reversion of the C. D. Block to two National Extension Service Blocks?

(*e*) If the Government are aware that recently that North Lakhimpur Local Board and the Subdivisional Development Board have resolved to provide funds for the Dispensary building and the Doctor's quarters of the proposed Dispensary at Naoboisa, respectively?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to allocate sufficient funds for the establishment of a six-bedded hospital at Naoboisa, with the aforesaid funds from the Local Board and the Subdivisional Development Board?

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) replied:

9. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) Against the Central Government ceiling of Rs.10,000 recurring and Rs.30,000 non-recurring the allotment fixed by the State Government for Medical facilities in a National Extension Service Block is Rs.15,000 recurring and Rs.35,000 non-recurring. The allotments are meant for the following purposes:—

Recurring Rs.15,000

(*i*) Replenishment of village medicine Chest.

(*ii*) Grant-in-aid of the existing Dispensaries.

(*iii*) Employment of work-charged staff for implementing these schemes.

Non-recurring Rs.35,000

(*i*) Construction of Dispensary buildings.

(*ii*) Construction of new wells or sanitation of old ones.

(*iii*) Construction of Sanitary latrines and urinals.

(*iv*) Provision of drains and construction of Sockage pits and smokeless chullas.

(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) No. However a copy of the Resolution of the Subdivisional Development Board, North Lakhimpur recommending establishment of a Primary Health Unit at Naoboisa without fail was received in the office of the Director of Health Services, Assam. The proposal has since been forwarded to Government in the Medical Department for their approval to the establishment of a Primary Health Unit at Naoboisa against the total allotments of Health Units under the State Plan.
(*f*) In view of (*e*) above a four-bedded ward will be attached to the proposed Primary Health Unit independent of any grants from other sources.

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA (*e*) and (*f*): In view of the fact that provisions are going to be made by the Local Board and the Subdivisional Development Board for this purpose, will Government be pleased to raise the status of the dispensary to that of a six-bedded hospital, and will they be in a position to expedite establishment of the hospital?

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): All these things in the National Extension Service Block will be taken into consideration. Unless a final decision is arrived at it is very difficult to say anything now.

Discussion of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1956-57

Mr. SPEAKER: I can do one thing now. You can only move the Motion that stands in your name. So, I shall put together and that would be on Voting on Demands for Supplementary Grants for 1956-57.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Sir, in this connection I want to make a general observation, because we find from the book supplied to us that more than 3 crores of rupees are sought in the way of Supplementary Demand. We also find from the table given at page 79 of the List of Supplementary Demands for Grants and Supplementary Appropriation for 1956-57 that additional grants were already voted by the Assembly during the year exceeding Rs.17 crores. So it comes to more than Rs.20 crores whereas the grand total is only Rs.52,26,54,046.

Mr. SPEAKER: You mean about 40 per cent of the money is being demanded through the supplementary demand.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Yes, Sir, and this is a very serious thing. This shows that actually there is no budgeting, and they infringe rule 125 of the Assembly Rule and Rule 94, Chapter XII, of the Budget Manual. Now, according to these rules supplementary demands are wanted only in two exceptional cases and the Minister-in-charge has to satisfy the House about the fulfilment of these two conditions. He should show, firstly, why the need for the larger provision could not be foreseen when the departmental estimates were framed and, secondly, he should show that in the absence of such provision serious inconvenience or loss to the public services will result. Only if the House is satisfied about these or any one of these two conditions can there be a supplementary demand. Now, from the way our supplementary demands are presented, we find that our Departments are proceeding in a haphazard and careless manner. It appears that even proper financial sanction or adjustment is not taken. By way of example, I would cite only one instance. To-day we have been supplied with an addendum to the list of business, *viz.*, item No.15A, wherein we are asked to vote 3 lakhs 50 thousands by means of a Resolution. Now in the explanation pertaining to this Resolution, we find that in the current year at the time of the preparation of the general budget there was absolutely no provision for this item. It has been said that during the Budget Session of 1955-56 provision of the sum of Rs.9 lakhs was made under the Power Pump Scheme by supplementary demand. I should like to request the House to particularly notice this thing; that even during the presentation of the Budget this sum of rupees 9 lakhs was considered to be so urgent that the Minister-in-charge and Department concerned could not wait for the opinion of the House. Before taking the opinion of this House, they thought the matter to be so urgent that a provision of Rs.9 lakhs was made through a supplementary demand. This shows that as early as March last or prior to that this amount was considered to be too urgent and, therefore, it was not possible to wait for the opinion of the House. Now, after earmarking that amount from the consolidated fund what was the result ? The money was not spent and was allowed to lapsed?

Mr. SPEAKER: But there is an explanation.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: But this explanation makes confusion worse confounded. I hope the Forest Minister will not take me amiss because here neither the Assembly rules nor the financial rules were followed, but the rules of the jungle. I know this is a Forest Department affair; yet I expect the rules of Finance should be followed and not the rules of the jungle.

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): This is not a Forest Department matter.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: But the Minister is in charge of the Forest Department also and that is why I made the remark. At any rate, Sir, this is not the rule of forest, this is a rule of the jungle. When the amount was thought to be so very urgent as not to be allowed to wait till general discussion in this House, how is it that not a pie of this amount was spent? The explanation given is that the firm, which was to supply the pumps, could not supply them. Why was the Minister or the Department in such a hurry? If no *pucca* arrangement had been made with the firm and if the firm had not given any guarantee for the supply of the pumps, why was the Minister-in-charge in such a hurry to obtain the amount through supplementary demand? Why could not he wait till the House discusses the general principle underlying this demand? Sir ,it was necessary for the general principle to be discussed because we know that in the Kaki Reclamation Scheme, where Government spent lakhs of rupees, there was shortage of power pump.

Mr. SPEAKER: Couldn't you look into Rule 126 (2) of the Assembly Rules? When there is a minus expenditure to be utilised how would you do it? The pumps were not supplied, it was minus expenditure. Now the Government are asking for fresh grants.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: If no *pucca* arrangement was made with the firm why the Minister was in such a hurry to get money? That is my point.

Mr. SPEAKER: But Rule 126 (2) gives a little power to he Minister when there is minus expenditure.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: I do not say, Sir, that the Minister cannot come with this demand or this House cannot grant it.

Mr SPEAKER: I am mentioning this for your consideration.

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: I know this, Sir. The Rule says "In cases where substantial unanticipated credits, due to additional recoveries which are accounted for as minus expenditure, are to be utilised to incur fresh items of expenditure, which would not otherwise have been sanctioned, the approval of the Legislative Assembly should be obtained in the same way as for items of supplementary grants". This is what Rule 126 (2) says. It continues "The decision whether a reference to the Legislative Assembly should be made in any particular case rests with the Finance Department to whom all proposals involving the utiiisation of such unanticipated credits should be referred'. I should only like to know whether the provision of this clause was followed in this particular case because in such cases the decision whether a reference to the Legislative Assembly should be made rests with the Finance Department, to whom all proposals involving utilisation of such unanticipated credits should be referred. Sir, I know our Finance Minister is very particular in this respect and I cannot even imagine that our Finance Minister could agree to this sort of thing if it was referred to him in time. But if it was done, then I should say that even our able Finance Minister had been inordinately lenient. That is my impression. At any rate, my contention is that so far as demands for supplementary grant is concerned and that is warranted only under exceptional cases, there should be sufficient and reasonable cause shown to the House for the withdrawal of the grant from the consolidated fund. When the House is denied the right of general discussion on principle and when supplementary grant is drawn, there should not be any reason why this is not spent. Our experience for the last five years is that there are very careless withdrawals in the form of supplementary demands. This is definitely not sound financing, this is not proper budgeting. If this state of things is allowed to go on for any indefinite length of time, I am afraid, Sir, there will be complete anarchy if the departmental officers are allowed to withdraw all throughout the year in such a haphazard manner. We found in the Audit Report that there has been very unhappy state of things in our State. Particularly at this time of the year when the Assembly is not going to meet any more, when there will be lot of scope for departmental heads to spend money as they like, our Finance Minister should be very careful to see that the Budget Manual is not

only consulted sometimes only by way of reference, but as a principle to be followed. Particularly we are worried because when we have a grand total of Rs.52 crores, at least in a particular year, we never raise our supplementary demands by 40 per cent which appears rather very exceptional. I think our Ministers, particularly our Finance Minister, will be very careful to see that the rules are really observed by the different departments concerned and before making any such demands, prior approval of the Finance is taken. Unless this is done, there will be complete anarchy in the expenditure of the States.

Mr SPEAKER: Your argument is quite alright by way of general observation, but what about this particular demand?

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: I have only pointed this out by way of illustration only. I will have opportunity to speak on this when item in question comes for discussion.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the observations of my Friend, Shri Bhattacharyya, are of general nature. Not only they are of general nature, sometimes they are also vague. Sir, I have come before the House with a demand of about Rs.3 crores, and these demands will be just placed before the House by the respective Ministers in-charge. There are as many as 32 demands, and the need of the demands, has been clearly shown with the reasons in the explanatory notes. Hon. Members have been supplied with copies of this book, and if the reasons given are persued by my Friend, he will see that the reasons given for this extra demand are there in as clear a langauge as is possible. If after seeing these reasons hon. Members do not feel that that particular demand is not justified, they are at liberty to refuse or modify that demand. The reasons are there. So far as this specific item mentioned by him is concerned, my Friend will get ample time to speak when the Motion will be moved by my Friend, the Minister in charge of Agriculture. This is not the time to go into the merit of the case. So far as the general discussion is concerned, Sir, I do not think there is anything which can be taken exception to. When the House is in session, the Government comes before the House in the usual course for certain grants to be given by the House, and the reasons for bringing these supplementaries are given then. I therefore feel, Sir, the observations of my Friend are not very convincing. With these observations, Sir, I conclude, and now I hope you will be able to go to the third item.

Supplementay Demands for grants for 1956-57

No.1

(7.—Land Revenue)

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.29,26,535 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	1,07,45,700
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year. ...	2,04,240
II.—Additional amount now required	29,26,535

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule	General	Sixth Schedule	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
A:—General Estt.—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3.—Allowances and Honoraria	2,30,300	4,433	..	..	..	1,000	1,000
B.—Tahsil and other Establishment—							
(a) Tahshil establishment.	1,15,709	..	..	..	3,160	..	3,160

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the years		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule	General	Sixth Schedule	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(*d*) Management or Acquired Estates under Assam Act XVIII of 1951—							
2. Pay of Estt. ..	94,985	..	..	..	1,43,623	..	1,43,623
5. Works	18,000	..	..	..	81,441	..	81,441
Add—Amount transferred from "40.—Agriculture—Land Reclamation—(*f*) Phillobari Reclamation Scheme".	..	..	..		20,07,222	..	20,07,222
(*g*) Mechanised Cultivation Schemes.	..	..	..	..	4,45,326	..	4,45,326
C.—Management of Govt. Estate.	15,600	..	..	..	36,433	..	36,433
D.—Charges on Account of Land Revenue Collections.	8,02,170	11,950	..	..	1,20,000	..	1,20,000
F.—Survey Settlement and Record Operations.—							
(*a*) Assam Surveys—							
(*iv*) Traverse Section	3,15,800	..	45,000		35,330	..	35,330
(*b*) Settlement Operations.							
4. Contingencies— ..	4,50,000	..	26,585	..	50,000	..	50,000
H.—Assignment and compensations.	..	..	60,000	..	3,000	..	3,000
Total	..	..	..		29,25,535	1,000	29,26,535

Sir, reasons for which this grant is necessary are detailed below in the Explanatory Note.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A-3.—Due to increased demand under Travelling Allowances by District Officers.

B. (*a*) A sum of Rs.3,160 is necessary to meet increased expenditure in various Tahsil Offices.

B.(*d*) Expenditure for management of acquired estates in Goalpara could not be foreseen as the adjustment of the Supreme Court upholding the validity of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Act was delivered after submission and preparation of current year's budget estimates. The estates have now to be managed and an amount of Rs.1,43,623 is necessary for making payment of salaries of employees, and another Rs.81,441 is necessary for repair of buildings used as offices where valuable papers, documents, etc., are kept, besides maintaining some public utility services previously run by the Zamindars.

(*f*) The Phillobari Reclamation Scheme was taken up primarily to rehabilitate flood and earthquake affected people of the locality. An area of about 10,000 arces of jungle land at Phillobari, Doom Dooma has been taken up by the Central Tractor Organisation for reclamation chargeable at Rs.315 per acre of land. The Scheme has been sanctioned at the total cost of Rs.20,25,000 for the year 1956-57 for 5,000 acres of land. The State Government will realise a premium of Rs.150 per acre from the allottees. The Government of India will bear 50 per cent of the net cost of reclamation. Hence the sum of Rs.20,07 222 will be required to meet the anticipated expenditure for the year 1956-57 although the entire expenditure will initially be met from the existing budget provision under "40.—Agriculture". It will ultimately be debited to "7.—Land Revenue" as it was done in respect of Kaki Reclamation Scheme.

(*g*) Similarly the amount of Rs.4,45,326 will be required during the current year for the reclamation works at Falluguri, Bekial, etc., the expenditure on which is initially met from the provision of "Mechanised Cultivation Scheme—II.—Subordinate" to the Major head "40.—Agriculture".

C.—The amount is required to develop a low-lying plot in Nowgong town which has been settled with the private persons. A development charge of Rs.18,900 *plus* premium of Rs.6,300 has already been realised from the allottees but instead of keeping the amount in Revenue Deposit the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong credited the amount under receipt head. As this was not known earlier no provision could be made in the budget for the purpose. The expenditure was incurred by taking advance of Rs.20,576 from Contingency Fund.

The amount of Rs.10,935 is required to pay remuneration to the S.Ks. and Mandals for the extra work for enumeration of cattle. An intensive enumeration drive was launched in order to direct the number of cattle, buffaloes, elephants, etc., which are tended in the P. G. Rs.but escaped assessment. This intensive enumeration has yielded very good results in the form of enhanced revenue. The additional expenditure involed in this operation was not foreseen at the time of preparing the budget.

A sum of Rs.4,922 is required to meet increased expenditure for eviction operations.

D.—Formerly one peon was given to each Mauzadar for 3 months only but it has now been decided by the Government to entertain whole-time peon for the purpose. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

F. *(a)iv.* The additional amount is necessary to meet the expenditure for entertainment of one Supervisor Kanungo and 10 Mandals and 20 Survey Khalasis for the ground survey of Indo-Pakistan boundaries. The expenditure could not be foreseen due to the fact that for expansion of various fronts in the sphere of Indo-Pakistan boundary sectors, the normal strength of survey staff was considered too inadequate and therefore extra staff had to be sanctioned during the later part of the year.

F.*(b)*4. The additional amount is required due to purchase of more instruments and entertainment of more chairmen by the Settlement Officers concerned during the actual field operations in connection with the Re-settlement operations which could not be foreseen earlier.

H.—Deputy Commissioner concerned did not include his demand under "Malikana of Grazing Taxes" in his budget through oversight. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.29,26,535 be granted to Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue."

Mr. SPEAKER : Then Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya will move his Cut Motion.

Mr. Bhattacharyya, you move all your Cut Motions together.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Unless the Motions are moved, how can I move my Cut Motions. Sir, I suggest one procedure. Let all the demands be moved, together and then the Cut Motions will be moved, and there will be a discussion at the end.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) : Then that will be something like a general discussion.

Mr. SPEAKER : Mr. Bhattacharyya can select some of his Cut Motions and concentrate on them.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: We will speak only two minutes for each Cut Motion. This will save time.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : The cumulative effect of the procedure I suggest will be saving of about half an hour. This is also the procedure followed in Parliament.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) : It will be better to follow the usual procedure, Sir.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the total provision of Rs.29,26,535, under Supplementary Demand No. 1, Major head—7.—Land Revenue, at page 1 of the List of

Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.29,26,535 do stand reduced by Re. 1.

Sir, we see, for example in paragraph (*f*) of the Explanatory Notes of the Supplementary Demand that some amount of money is necessary for Philobari Reclamation Scheme, and we shall also require some money for some other such schemes.

Now in this connection I should like to give only some suggestions in the way of this Cut Motion. When we take up any scheme of reclamation we should see that it is completed and that the purpose for which the reclamation was started is fulfilled. If it is left half done or if the persons who are allotted land in the reclaimed place do not come and occupy the land then the jungle will crop up and the Tractor will have to be used again which will involve additional expenditure. For example, in Kaki, I have seen with my own eyes that vast areas of the scheme is lying fallow. Many of the people who have been allotted land there have not come and occupied the land and some allottees have given their land to other people on *Adhi* system. They are not actual cultivators and the Land Record staff issued notices of cancellation and for some reasons or other it happened that the allotment could not be cancelled. In this way the national income has suffered a set-back to the extent the land remained unutilised. Therefore at Filobari, Fallangani or at any other places where any such new scheme is taken up Government should see that the actual cultivators who themselves cultivate the land get the allotment and they are provided with other facilities in this connection. For example in Kaki I have seen there is shortage of water. There are one or two pumps which are working, but that is not sufficient for the purpose and the pumps could not go as deep as it was originally contemplated and expected. The result is that they cannot draw sufficient water and it is also very expensive at the same time. So the national income has not raised to the extent the national money which was invested.

Mr. SPEAKER : They say it has been raised to 18 per cent.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : It is the figure for the entire country as a whole. My point is that if the entire area would have been occupied and the crop raised accordingly the national income would have been

raised. The Government incurred some expenditure with the expectation that there will be some production, but that expectation has not come true. Therefore my suggestion is that when we take up any such scheme we should see that all necessary amenities for the occupants of that area are given. We should see that anybody having taken allotment, if he does not come and occupy and utilise the land within a specified time should not be shown any favour. Their allotments should be cancelled and fresh allotments made to the deserving people so that the land is properly utilised. I hope and wish that the Government will not repeat the same mistake and mismanagement as we have seen in Kaki, in respect of the Philobari, Fallangani or any other such schemes.

With these words, and with that intention I have moved the Cut Motion, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER : Cut Motion moved is that the total provision of Rs.29,26,535, under Supplementary Demand No.1 Major head—7.—Land Revenue, at page 1 of the List of Supplementary Demand be reduced by Re. 1., *i.e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.29,26,535 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN : On a point of information, Sir, I want to have some clarification from the Minister in-charge. Here my Friend, Mr. Bhattacharyya, was referring to the Kaki reclamation scheme. This scheme was for distinct purpose which is different from the schemes now for a consideration by the House in that it is meant for rehabilitation of the flood and earthquake affected people of the locality. It also appears from the explanatory note underlying this demand that 50 per cent of the cost of reclamation will be borne by the Government of India. It is further stated that a premium of Rs.50 per acre will be realised from the allottees. I want to know wehther any credit will be given against the cost of reclamation to be shared by the Government of India to reduce the premium to be realised from the allottees. I presume also that sufficient rehabilitation loans will be made available to the earthquake-affected people so that they are enabled to take settlement of the lands allotted to them and no default takes place on their part. I hope Government have already made a list of all such deserving persons and in similar difficulties as arose in the case of Kaki will not arise in this case as apprehended by my Friend, Mr. Bhattacharyya.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Kaki reclamation scheme does not come in here.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : It is by way of illustration, Sir.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am in general agreement with some of the observations made by my Friend, Shri Bhattacharyya. Sir, so far as these, reclamation schemes are concerned, Government is anxious to complete all these schemes in time and also to provide all the necessary amenities to the people. We are trying to provide water facilities, dispensaries, schools, roads and other necessary amenities where they are necessary. We are trying to complete all the schemes as early as possible. It may be quite true that at the time of making allotments, some undesirable persons surreptiously creep in. These allotments are made by a Land Advisory Committee. Of course due scrutiny is made there, but sometimes in spite of best precaution, some undesirable persons get into these lands, but when that is detected they are eliminated. We are trying our best to see that such things do not happen. Sir, in Kaki some persons, due to the difficulty of water, could not fully utilise their land given to them. We are trying to provide them with deep tube wells, and as a matter of fact one such tube well has proved very successful. One has failed on account of some defect in sub-soil probably and that will have to be shifted to some other place. In Philobari we are conscious of these difficulties and we are trying to remove them. We want that undesirable persons do not get in.

Mr. SPEAKER : That will have to be circumvented.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Yes, Sir. About the rehabilitation grant as mentioned by my Friend, Mr. Umaruddin, I may inform him that in Dibrugarh subdivision, in Lakhimpur Subdivision and in Jorhat Subdivision we are giving rehabilitating loan to the extent of Rs.300 besides some rehabilitation grants ending to Rs.50. Sir, in this way these people will be helped. Probably it will not also be difficult to give them some more loans if these people go and occupy lands there. With these observations, Sir, I would request my Friend, Shri Bhattacharyya to see his way to withdraw his Cut Motion.

(The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House withdrawn.)

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that an additional amount of Rs.29,26,535 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head ''7.—Land Revenue.''

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.2

("8.—State Excise Duties")

Shri A. ALLEY (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.10,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head '8.—State Excise Duties'.

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	15,97,600
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	1,62,193
Additional amount now required	10,000

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounred for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	R.
B.—District—Executive Establishment—							
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	2,88,000	34,972	..	..	..	8,500	8,500
4. Contingencies ..	1,07,600	10,136	54,000	..	..	1,500	1,500
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	10,000	10,000

Sir, the Explanatory Notes below explain the need of the demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The amount of Rs.10,000 is required to meet the additional expenditure in connection with T. A., Hill Allowance, Uniforms, etc., of the Staff consisting of one Deputy Superintendent of Excise, five Assistant Inspectors of Excise and sixteen Excise Peons, sanctioned recently for the United District of Mikir and North Cachar Hills. The existing provision proved to be inadequate, and hence the Supplementary Demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.10,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "8.—State Excise Duties".

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put as a question and carried.)

Supplementary Demand No.3

("10.—Forests")

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.3,05,304 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "10.—Forest".

	Rs.
I—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	74,96,300
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	Nil
II—Additional amount now required	3,05,304

III. Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B. (*a*)—Conservancy and Works—							
II.—Timber and other produce removed from Forests by Consumer and Purchasers.	1,10,000	16,500	..	..	16,306	..	16,306
VI.—Communications and Buildings.	6,22,100	1,29,000	..	..	1,09,158	34,700	1,43,858
VIII.—Miscellaneous ..	1,45,000	17,100	..	..	26,650	..	26,650
C.(*a*)—Establishment—							
2.—Pay of Establishment	8,56,500	1,57,100	..	..	2,000	..	2,000
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	6,58,400	1,28,500	..	..	14,640	..	14,640
4 Grant-in-aid, Contribution, etc.	50,000	2,000	..	..	25,750	..	25,750
Development Schemes—First Five Year Plan ..							
B.—2.—Conservancy and Works—							
VI.—Communication and Buildings.	..	..	..	..	9,000	26,000	35,000
VIII.—Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	8,600	8,500	17,100
C.—2.—Establishment—							
2.—Pay of Establishment	..	..	..	..	7,000	..	7,000
3.—Allowances and Honoraria.	..	..	..	..	17,000	..	17,000
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2,36,104	69,200	3,05,304

The Explanatory Notes below explain the need of the Demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

B(*a*) II.—An amount of Rs.5,435 was sanctioned during 1955-56 to meet the acquisition cost of departmental timber depot at Gossaigaon in Goalpara District. As the revenue authority failed to complete the acquisition during 1955-56, the amount lapsed.

The acquisition will be completed this year and an amount of Rs.16,306 will be required according to the revised estimate. The original valuation at Rs.150 per bigha was objected to by the people and hence after due enquiry the Deputy Commissioner has refixed the value at Rs.400 per bigha and hence the original estimate had to be revised.

B(*a*)VI.—An amount of Rs.6,158 is required for carrying out repairs to the departmental buildings at Dharamtul in Nowgong Division which were damaged by cyclone on 22nd March 1956.

As the happening is an unforeseen one and that too after the finalisation of the Budget estimates no provision could be made in the original Budget. Hence the Demand.

Another amount of Rs.1,03,000 is required for constructing approach roads to the Desoi, Desoi Valley, Tiru Hills and Geleki Reserves leased out to Messrs. Woodcraft (Assam), Ltd., for the improvements of the Abhayapur Reserve Road, approach road to the Dilli Reserve and Dilli Stone quarry road in the Sibsagar Division, construction of Lutmai and Borpani Reserve road, extension of Kalapani road to South Diyu Reserve, and for construction of 5 miles road to the Bagser Reserve in Nowgong Division, completion of Ougiri Koilamari Road in Kamrup and improvement of Joypur-Hukanjuri road in Lakhimpur Division.

The improvement of the existing roads and construction of new roads will make it possidle to work the forestin inaccessible areas so long remaining unexploited which in turn will fit the existing Plywood mills and those proposed to be established in near future and also to work out the remote areas. This will enable the Plywood mills to produce more tea-chests and this will bring in more revenue in the shape of Sale-tax and royalty. Hence the Demand.

Rupees 7,000 is required for reconstruction of cyclone-damaged buildings at Rangapahar and Manipur Road. The expenditure being unforeseen, no provision in the current year's Budget could be made. Hence this Supplementary Demand.

Rupees 5,000 is required for reconstruction of Beat Officer's quarters at Dhansiri, burnt down by Naga Hostiles in April, 1956. No provision exists in the current year's Budget. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

The amount of Rs.22,700 is required for the construction of Forest Departmental buildings at Diphu as the existing buildings are proposed to be handed over to the Police Department. The buildings were originally sanctioned for construction during 1955-56 and the provision of fund by Supplementary Demand was duly voted by the Assembly during that year. But due to shortage of time, the buildings could not be completed. It has now been decided that the buildings be constructed during the current year ; but there is no provision for the purpose in the current year's Budget. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

B(*a*)VIII.— An amount of Rs.26,650 is essentially required to meet the expenditure in connection with the deputation of Mr. Burns, F.A.O. expert. Out of this amount a sum of Rs.2,200 has already been incurred being pay, etc., and Travelling Allowance of the staff for the extended period of the expert upto May, 1956. The balance amount represents subsistence allowance of the expert from the date of joining in Assam, *i. e.*, from 18th August, 1954. The amount will be necessary if Book Transfer Bills from the Government of India are received during the current financial year. Provision was originally made in the Budget for 1955-56 but payment could not be made for want of Book-Transfer Bills.

C(*a*)2.—An amount of Rs.2,000 is required for the entertainment of extra staff for guarding the border area of Naga Hills District. This entertainment is of unforeseen nature and no provision could be made in the Budget. Hence the Demand.

C(*a*)3.—An amount of Rs.3,700 was sanctioned during 1955-56 for transfer of the staff of Sadiya Division to North Kamrup Division and for shifting the records, etc., but the amount lapsed as the transfer could not be effected. The transfer has been effected during the current year and Rs.2,000 is necessary as Supplementary Demand, the balance of Rs.1,700 will be met from the savings in the current years' Budget.

An amount of Rs.12,640 being stipend, Training Allowance and Honoraria for the students deputed for training at Dehra Dun is necessary due to the fact that the number of Diploma Course students had to be subsequently increased from four to seven to meet the increased need for trained staff. Hence the Demand.

C(*a*)5.—An amount of Rs.10,750 is required to meet the training cost of the increased number of students, at Dehra Dun. No provision could be made in the Budget for the increased number of students. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

An amount of Rs.15,000 is necessary to meet the increased demand of free grants of timber to be made to the public for religious and other charitable purposes and to the deserving flood and erosion affected people. Such large scale increase of demand could not be anticipated at the time of submission of the Budget. Hence the Demand.

B.2 VI. --An amount of Rs.9,000 is required to meet the cost of maintenance of buildings, fencing, etc., of Assam Forest School under normal budget. There exists no provision in the Budget for the maintenance of the scheme completed during the First Five Year Plan. Provision for the purpose was included in the Second Plan through misunderstanding. The Planning Commission cut down this expenditure as this should be a charge to the State Revenue. Hence the Demand.

Rupees 26,000 is required for maintenance of roads and bridges completed during the First Five Year Plan. There exists no provision in the Normal Budget for scheme completed during the First Five Year Plan. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

B.-2.-VIII.—A sum of Rs.4,800 is necessary to meet the cost of Dearness Allowance, uniforms and equipment allowance, etc., of the Assam Forest School under normal budget for reasons stated against B.-2 —VI above.

Another sum of Rs.3,800 is required for the maintenance of the Lower Primary Schools at Sohongjan and Naojan Forest Village. The amount is required to be provided in the normal budget on the reason stated against B-2—VI above.

Rupees 3,500 is required for the un-keep of plantation completed during the First Five Year Plan. No provision exists in the normal budget for this purpose. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Rupees 2,000 is required for the maintenance of Lower Primary School at Singrijan in Naga Hills under normal budget. There exists no provision in the normal budget for the schemes completed during the First Five Year Plan. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Rupees 3,000 is required for the salary of staff for one month prior to closure of the Resin and Turpentine Factory who have since been discharged and salary of one Chowkidar to be entertained till disposal of stock and machineries; also for packing and transport of resin and turpentine in stock awaiting disposal. Tenders have already been called for. No provision exists for the purpose in the current year's Budget. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

C.-2.—An amount of Rs.7,000 being the pay of temporary establishment of Assam Forest School is required under normal budget for the reasons stated against B.-2.—VI above.

3. An amount of Rs.17,000 is required for payment of Dearness and Travelling Allowances of the establishment of the Assam Forest School under normal budget for the reasons stated against B.-2—VI above.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.3,05,304 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "10.—Forest".

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.25,750 under Supplementary Demand No.3, Major head—10.—Forests, Minor head—C—(*a*)-Establishment, Sub-head—5.—Grants-in-aid contribution, etc., at pege 5 of the list of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re. 1, *i.e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,05,304 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, in page 8 of the list of the Supplementary Demands on the Explanatory Notes, it is said—

"An amount of Rs.15,000 is necessary to meet the increased demand of free grants of timber to be made to the public for religious and other charitable purposes and to the deserving flood and erosion affected people. Such large scale increase of demand could not be anticipated at the time of submission of the Budget. Hence the Demand".

Sir, as a matter of fact, I wish this demand was not made at this time when the elections are drawing near. This demand will always remain a temptation to many people. However, Sir, my objections are two fold. Firstly, Sir, the demand for trees for religious and other charitable institutions are so great that if one is fulfilled and the other is not done, then there is enough scope for discontentment. This demand is increasing for such purposes, therefore, this sum of Rs.15,000 will be insufficient in my view to fulfil all the demands of the public. Secondly, Sir,

I would like to say something about the mode of distribution of trees. At the moment the Minister-in-charge has made a rule to send all the applications to the forest officials for investigation and after investigation they come through the proper channels to the Minister and then only permits are issued and time is fixed for the expiration of the permits, in which case it is difficult for certain people and particularly the public institutions who have generally to depend on their own to get the benefit of these permits. Sir, I know of two cases where permits were issued on 29th November and expired on the 30th November. The permits were posted and were received on the 1st December itself so as a matter of fact the public could not take advantage of the permits. Secondly, Sir, there is another difficulty that the Forest Officers instead of going to the spot they remain throughout in Palasbari, Kulsi and other places and make the enquiry from there and this has led to increasing difficulty and false persons take advantage.

Mr. SPEAKER: Any instance ?

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: There are instances, but I don't want to mention any body.

Sir, I have received complaints in this regard and I think the mode of investigations need revision and enquiry should be done properly and on the spot. Thirdly, Sir, I know of some cases. Some potential canidates are trying to take advantage of these things by giving trees to their supporters. They go to Khasi and Jaintia Hills to get some trees and I know of certain cases were trees have been taken from the Khasi and Jaintia Hills for some Agents to get the support of some people and in this way things have practically been done. Sir, this should be stopped.

Sir, with these few observations I commend my Motion to the acceptance of the House or atleast for the consideration of the Minister-in-charge.

Mr. SPEAKER: Cut Motion moved is that the provision of Rs.25,750 under Supplementary Demand No.3, Major head —10—Forests,—Minor head-C. (*a*)—Establishment, Sub-head 5—Grants-in-aid contribution, etc., at page 5 of the list of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re. 1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,05.304 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sorry, I cannot agree with Mr. Goswami for which he has moved his Cut Motion. Sir, on the one hand he said that the amount now required by me was not sufficient while on the other hand he has said that I should not have come with this demand now. Sir, when my Friend says that there is a need for more fund then he should not have raised any objection for bringing this demand before the House. Secondly, Sir, he objects to the procedure now adopted by us. He says that the Forest Officers are asked to enquire and report about the requirements of the applicants, and these Forest Officers do not go to the places to make enquiries. He, however, has not cited any instance from which we can take any step on those officers who have not acted properly. Thirdly, Sir, he says that some prospective candidates are taking advantage of by obtaining some timbers from the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills. Perhaps my Friend knows that now a days the Khasi Hills forests are not administered by the State Government. They are administered by the District Council.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: The reserved forests are administered by the State Government.

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Yes Sir, my Friend, Mr. Goswami has not mentioned the names of the persons who are doing like that. It would have been better for Mr. Goswami to inform me at the right time the name of the officer. Mr. Goswami generally comes to me with applications for permits. If any officer did not act as desired by us, it would have been better for Mr. Goswami to inform me so that the defect in the procedure, if there be any, can be checked and removed. I wish that Mr. Goswami in future, when he comes with petitions—to-day I think he will be coming—will give me the name of the officer and also the persons who are removing timbers from Khasi Hills.

Mr. SPEAKER: You need not refer to that.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, I have a right as representative of the public to come with petitions for permits.

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): I am not finding fault in Mr. Goswami for coming up with applications. What I am going to say is that although he does not like to mention the name of officer at fault on the floor of the House, I shall be glad to have the information from him outside this House. The latches on the part of the officer can be removed.

He has also said that the amount provided is not sufficient. I agree, according to the present needs the amount is not sufficient and adequate, but I would like to request him to remember that in the previous year the amount was only Rs.20,000 for this purpose. For the current year we have increased the budgeted amount to Rs.30,000. In addition to that amount of Rs.30,000 we are going to spend another Rs.15,000, which will amount to Rs.45,000. Therefore, although it is not sufficient according to the requirement, I would like to impress upon him that Government considering the increasing demand of the people have increased sufficiently the amount for this purpose. With these few words I would like to request my Friend, Mr. Goswami, to withdraw the Cut Motion.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, I withdraw the Cut Motion.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN: Sir, one point is not clear. Mr. Goswami has alleged that certain persons have obtained some timbers from the Khasi Hills. What is about that ?

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): If I have to reply to that question, I think, I cannot reply it now. If I know from Mr. Goswami the names of the persons who have taken timbers from Khasi Hills on permit from reserved forests then I would be able to reply clearly to this point. But I can inform him and tell him that Government have not allowed any contractor to take timbers on permit for trade not only from Khasi Hills but even from the plains areas.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: I will supply the names.

Sir, I beg to withdraw the Cut Motion.

(The Cut Motion was, by leave of the house, withdrawn.)

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that an additional amount of Rs.3,05,304 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "10—Forests".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.4

("13.—Other Taxes and Duties")

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.41,400 only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "13.—Other Taxes and Duties".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	6,52,000
Supplementary Grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	24,384
II.—Additional amount now required	41,400

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A. Collection Charge for Taxes and Duties having a common Administrative Staff—Entertainment, Sales and Professions Taxes.							
(a) Direction—							
1. Pay of Establishment.	35,600	..	..	..	2,700	..	2,700
2. Allowances, etc.	28,670	..	..	..	5,100	..	5,100
3. Contingencies ..	7,400	..	..	..	22,600	..	22,600

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(b) Superintendence—							
1. Pay of Officers	67,900	..	..	..	300	..	300
2. Pay of Establishment.	2,31,400	..	..	..	3,600	..	3,600
3. Allowances, etc.	1,48,900	..	..	..	600	..	600
4. Contingencies ..	55,500	..	..	..	6,000	..	6,000
Add—Amount transferred from General.	..	52,000	..	..	..	500	500
Total ..	..	..	..	..	40,900	500	41,400

The need for this demand has been explained in the explanatory notes given below:—

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A new Taxation Act, *viz.*, the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) Act, 1956 has been brought into operation with effect from 1st July, 1956 and the administration of this Act has been entrusted to the Taxation Department. For the purpose of better and efficient administration of all taxation measures including the new Taxation Act, some new posts have been created. The extra requirement under contingencies is mainly due to installation of telephone connection in nine unit offices and printing of different departmental forms for use in the Department, in private presses. This was not foreseen at the time of submitting the budget estimate. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.41,400 only, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "13.—Other Taxes and Duties".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is that: "An additional amount of Rs. 41,400 only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "13.—Other Taxes and Duties".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 5

"18-B and 68-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works"

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs.1,42,900, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	6,22,94,200
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year. ...	...
III.—Additional amount now required	1,42,900

Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for :—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
18 B—N.E.D. Works Financed from Ordinary Revenues—							
F.—Tools and Plant	80,000	..	..	..	1.42,900	..	1,42,900
Total	80,000	..	..	..	1,42,900	..	1,42,900

The necessity for this amount has been fully explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

An additional amount of Rs. 94,400 is due to increased tempo- of flood Control Works. It is necessary to equip the various Divisions with sufficient Tools and Plant and other equipment to enable the Executive Engineers to cope with the heavy programme in hand. Numerous surveys on Flood Control Schemes are being undertaken during the 1st year of the Second Five Year Plan period for which sufficient number of scientific and survey instruments are also to be purchased. Besides, two Embankment

and Drainage Subdivisions—one at Barpeta and one at Rangiya—have been established consequent on increased volume of Flood Control and N.E.D. works. It is essential to provide these Subdivisions with the required implements to enable carrying on Works Surveys entrusted to them.

A further additional amount of Rs 48,500, is required for purchase of 7 Nos. of Boats with Engines for the different Embankment and Drainage Divisions to carry out efficient inspection of Embankment and Drainage works during Flood Seasons and to enable preventive actions to be taken against possible breaches.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.1,42,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is that an additional amount of Rs.1,42,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works."

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 6

("25.—General Administration")

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.37,49,549, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration."

This could not be anticipated at the time of preparation of the budget and I hope that all the Members of the House will accept my Motion. The need for the amount has been explained fully in the explanatory notes.

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	1,31,06,300
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	10,71,869
Additional amount now required	37,49,549

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A-7—Chief Minister and Secretariat Staff of Chief Minister—							
2. Pay of Establishment.	17,750	..	..	..	2,400	..	2,400
4. Contingencies	12,000	..	663	..	4,000	..	4,000
A-8—Minister—							
1. Pay of Ministers, etc.	1,28,400	..	..	..	3,120	..	3,120
4. Allowances and Honoraria.	2,22,700	..	..	..	33,000	..	33,000
5. Contingencies	70,500	..	..	..	56,878	...	56,878
B-State Legislature—							
B-1.—Legislative Assembly—							
Contingencies	3,000	..	..	...	2,000	.	2,000
B-2.—State Legislature Secretariat—							
4. Contingencies	45,500	..	...	..	3,000	..	3,000
C—Election—							
C-1—Other election charges—							
Preparation and printing of electoral rolls—							
Contingencies ..	2,32,500	30,000	1,68,000	..	42,000	..	42,000

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
D.—Secretariat and Headquarter Establishment—							
D.1(*a*)—Civil Secretariat—							
1. Pay of officers	5,31,500	..	..	..	1,13,000	..	1,13,000
2. Pay of establishment	9,65,200	..	..	..	1,80,000	..	1,80,000
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	5,87,000	..	..	..	1,00,000	..	1,00,000
4. Contingencies	2,66,000	..	..	..	1,54,000	..	1,54,000
5. Departmental Training in Accounts.	..	..	..	..	6,555	..	6,555
D-4.—Local fund Audit Establishment.							
1. Pay of establishment.	93,400	..	..	..	10,043	..	10,043
2. Allowance and Honoraria.	73,900	..	..	..	2,763	..	2,763
3. Contingencies	7,800	..	..	..	3,753	..	3,753
E.—Commissioner—							
1. Pay of officers	90,500	..	..	..	19,370	..	19,370
2. Pay of establishment.	44,900	..	..	..	3,790	..	3,790
3. Allowanees and Honoraria.	34,300	..	..	..	12,740	..	12,740
4. Contingencies	15,912	..	..	..	6,600	..	6,600

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
F.—District Administration.							
F5-1.—General Establishment—							
1. Pay of officers	5,55,800	1,88,890	..	..	..	12,700	12,700
2. Pay of establisment.	5,82,200	2,99,680	..	..	32,389	..	32,389
3. Allowance and Honoraria.	3,76,400	3,13,220	..	..	..	12,750	12,750
4. Contingencies	3,10,000	1,28,450	..	37,206	1,69,428	23,075	1,92,503
6. P. W.. R. (Employment Exchange)	57,400	..	10,000	..	63,920	..	63,920
Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation—							
1. Pay of Establishment.	..	..	..	..	..	1,82,260	1,82,260
2. Contingencies	..	..	..	..	..	21,77,475	21,77,475
F.—2—Subdivisional Establishment.	3,28,000	1,63,800	..	..	..	2,550	2,550
F.—3—Other Establishment—							
(a) Process Serving Establishment.	5,73,300	26,400	..	..	51,460	2,525	53,985
(c) Staging Bungalow Establishment.	71,468	9,500	..	..	11,720	1,800	13,520
F.—5—Expenditure in connection with the Local Board Elections.	..	..	..	..	20,000	..	20,000

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
G.—Works—							
(*a*) Original works—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	1,66,030	..	2,16,055	2,16,055
(*b*) Repairs ..	8,000	6,300	..	..	..	950	950
H.—2—Miscellaneous Development Scheme (Second Five Year Plan).	54,350	..	..	..	3,500	...	3,500
F.—4—P. W. R. (Cost of Employment Exchange).	..	..	13,690	..	5,980	..	5,980
Grand total ...	..	..	..	..	11,17,409	26,32,140	37,49,549
IV—*Deduct*—Recoveries—							
Recovery from Government of India.							
G.—1—Other Election Charges.	..	..	..	...	(-)21,000	..	(-)21,000
F.—District Administration—							
6. P. W. R. (Employment Exchange).	..	..	..	.	(-)38,352	..	(-)38,352
Development Scheme (Second Five Plan Year.)							
F—4—P. W. R. (Cost of Employment Exchange.)	..	..	..	...	(-)3,588	..	(-)3,588

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A-7.—The amount of Rs.2,400 is required to meet the increased expenditure on account of posts of (I) Assistant Superintendent and (II) Upper Division Assistant. As the posts have been created recently, no provision could be made in the budget.

An amount of Rs.500 is required to meet the increased expenditure on account of purchase of books mostly of India Publications and reference Books for Office Library.

An amount of Rs.500 is required to meet the increased expenditure on State Telegrams mostly in connection with States Re-organisation Commission and Naga Hills.

A—8.—Ministers

1. The amount of Rs.3,120 is required to meet the increased expenditure due to raising the status of the former Parliamentary Secretaries to that of Deputy Ministers and grant of higher pay to the officers concerned.

4. Out of an amount of Rs.33,000, a sum of Rs.25,000 is required to meet increased expenditure on travelling allowance of Ministers and Deputy Ministers due to increase in the number of official tours and payment of arrear bills of the State Transport for the use of Pool Vehicles. The balance amount of Rs.8,000 is required to meet increased expenditure for travelling allowance of the staff due to increase in the number of tours.

5. An amount of Rs.56,878 is required to meet the cost of three new State Cars for three Ministers as the existing ones had become old and unserviceable and unreliable for undertaking long tours. As the expenditure was immediate and unforeseen, the amount was advanced from the Contingency Fund.

B—1.—Legislative Assembly

The excess expenditure of Rs.2,000 is due to the payment of some arrear bills connected with the repair and other miscellaneous charges of the old State Car of the Speaker which could not be paid last year as the provision fell short of the requirement.

B—2.—State Legislature Secretariat

The excess expenditure of Rs.3,000 is due to—

(*i*) Payment of Dearness and Winter Allowances to the Casual Employees.

(*ii*) Increase of maintenance cost of the Members' Hostel Buildings which now remain occupied throughout the year.

(*iii*) Payment on account of the newly sanctioned Grade IV Staff for the Nava Bhavan Hostel.

C.—Election

The additional amount of Rs.42,000 under sub-head "Contingency" of the minor head "Preparation and Printing of Electoral Rolls" is required to meet the immediate payment of the cost of additional 6,000 ballot boxes at Rs.6-15-0 per box being sent to this State by the Election Commission. Payment of these additional 6,000 ballot boxes will have to be made sometimes in January next.

The additional requirement has therefore been provided by the way of Supplementary Demand.

D—Secretariat and Headquarter Establishment
D.—I (a) Civil Secretariat

1. An amount of Rs.1,13,000 is required due to the increase in the number of officers whose posts were created after the submission of the Budget Estimates, *viz.*, (1) Additional Secretary, Finance; (2) Deputy Secretary, Education; (3) Under-Secretary, Education; (4) Under-Secretary, Planning and Development. (5) Additional Under-Secretary, Revenue; (6) Special Officer, Finance; (7) Special Officer, Major Industries; (8) Special Officer for Pay Committee. (9) Special Officer, Passport; (10) Special Officer, Transport and Commerce; (11) Special Officers, Home Department; (12) Research Officer, Planning and Development; (13) Research Officer, Finance Department, (14) and (15) Two Assistant Secretaries for Finance Department; (16) Accounts Officer, Home Guards.

2. An amount of Rs.1,80,000 is required due to the increase in the staff newly appointed in the Secretariat to cope with the expanding activities which the Government has to carry out.

3. An amount of Rs.1,00,000 is required to meet the usual grant of dearness allowance, winter allowance and other allowances for the newly appointed staff and also to meet the increased expenditure on account of travelling allowance to the officers and staff of the Secretariat due to increased tours. The expenditure on account of travelling allowance to Members of the various Advisory Boards in the State who attend official meetings is now to be met from the Secretariat Budget. The following amounts are required under the head—(1) Travelling Allowance of Officers—40,000; (2) Travelling Allowance of Establishment—8,000; (3) Dearness Allowance—20,000; (4) Winter Allowance—5,000; (5) Cash Allowance in lieu of Rice Concession and Free Ration—10,000; (6) Medical Treatment—2,000; (7) Cost of Living Allowance—15,000.

4. An amount of Rs.1,54,000 is required to meet the increased expenditure due to the greatly expanded strength of the staff and the Departments of the Secretariat. Also due to the increase in the number of high dignitaries and officials visiting the State. The following amounts are required under the head—(1) Purchase of Typewriters 5,000, (2) Telephone Charges—15,000, (3) Purchase of Books, maps, etc.—4,000; (4) Entertainment charges at the disposal of Government—30,000, (5) Other Non-Contract Contigencies—20,000 (6) Pay and Allowances of Contingency Menials—8,800, (7) Service Postage Stamps—30,000, (8) Other Contract Contingencies—31,200.

5. An amount of Rs.6,555 is required to implement the scheme for imparting training in accounts to State Government Employees, etc. The State Government have recently decided to train State Government employees in practical accounts in the office of the Accountant General, Assam. As such, it is necessary to make provision of funds. Training facilities will also be extended to employees of Local Bodies, District Councils and Educational Institutions receiving grants-in-aid from Government. The expenditure in this connection will initially be borne by the State Government. But the same will ultimately be realised from the respective Local Bodies, etc., concerned.

D.4.—(a) Pay of Establishment

Rupees 10,043.—The extra grant now sought for includes the provision made for the entertainment of the additional staff recently sanctioned. The posts of the 4 Junior Auditors sanctioned were entertained with effect from May, 1956 at Rs.150 per mensem, each but there was no provision in the Budget of the Department for 1956-57 for the entertainment of the said posts. The additional staff now sanctioned is expected to be entertained with effect from 1st January, 1957 and hence provision for them is made only for January and February, 1957. In addition to the above additional posts now sanctioned 5 Peons for the 5 additional Auditors will be required from the date of entertainment of the incumbents to the posts of Auditors but no provision is made here as the posts are yet to be sanctioned. The detailed calculations as to how the amount has been arrived at is furnished below—

(b) Allowances and Honoraria, etc.—

	Rs.
(*i*) Dearness allowance—	1,786
(*ii*) Cash allowance in lieu of free ration and rice concession	977
	2,763

The extra grant under Allowances and Honoraria, etc., is required for the excess expenditure and also owing to the entertainment of the additional staff sanctioned for the Department as shown against (*a*) above.

(*c*) *Contingencies*

Rupees 3,753.--The extra grant sought for includes the following charges that shall have to be incurred with the entertainment of the additional staff as shown in (*a*) above.

(*i*) Two new type-writers have to be purchased for the two typists now sanctioned.

(*ii*) Cost of additional furnitures that will be required with the entertainment of the additional staff sanctioned for the Headquarter Offices.

(*iii*) As the present office building has already been found to be incommodious for the present staff a bigger building at a higher rent will have to be rented with the entertainment of the additional Headquarter staff. As such office rent at Rs.150 per mensem for January and February, 1957 has been provided in addition to the rent now paid for the present building.

(*iv*) In the case of renting a bigger building there will involve the shifting charges of office records. In addition to the above, the expenditures in connection with the office stationeries, etc., will go on rising with the enlargement of the the office and outside staff.

E. *Commissioner.*—An amount of Rs.43,000 is required on account of pay of officers, pay of establishment, allowances and honoraria, etc., for the newly created Commissioner's office at Kohima due to the present emergency in the Naga Hills District. The expenditure was uuforeseen and the existing budget provision found inadaquate. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Out of this, an amount of Rs.5,000 was earlier taken as advance from Contingency Fund to meet some urgent financial obligations pertaining to the Commissioner's establishment.

F.—District Administration

F.1.—General Establishment

F.1(1).—Rupees 12,700 is required to meet the increased demand under Pay of Officers, due to the entertainment of some officers which could not be anticipated at the time of framing the current year's estimate.

2. *Pay of Establishment.*—Rupees 32,389 was necessary to meet the difference of Indian and Paskistani currency for the staff of the separation of Assam records office at Sylhet and accordingly the same amounts was provided by Supplementary Demand in 1954-55. But the Accountant General, Assam could not adjust the amount in their accounts due to some disadvantages and they request us this year to make necessary provision of funds.

F.1 (B).—The additional amount is required due to the entertainment of more Officers and increased demand under travelling allowance by the District Officers.

4. *Contingencies.*—The excess expenditure is required mainly due to the increased expenditure necessitated by increased activities in Lakhimpur and partly due to increased expenditure under house rent, etc., maintenance of pooled Transport, pay of contingency menials and Telephone charges in other districts.

F.1.(4).—The additional amount is required due to increased expenditure under maintenance of vehicles—"Purchase of Stationeries" and increased expenditure under casual employees. To meet immediate requirement an amount of Rs.6,750 was advanced from Contingency Fund.

6—P. W. R. (Emlpoyment Exchange)

The administration of the Employment Exchange Organisation in this State, hitherto administered by the Central Government, has been taken over by the Government of Assam with effect from the 1st November, 1956.

According to the financial arrangement arrived at the total cost of the whole organisation will be shared by both the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 60 : 40 per cent and the latter is required to make provision in their budget for the entire amount for the purpose of incurring expenditure initially. The Central Government's share of 60 per cent of the total expenditure is recoverable at the close of the year.

Hence provision of Rs.63,920 is required to meet the expenditure for the period from 1st November, 1956 to 31st March, 1957.

The amount is required for purchase of vehicles needed for Naga Hills operation and relief measures in Naga Hills as necessitated by the disturbance created by the Gangsters. It also includes the necessary amounts for the pay and allowances of the drivers, maintenance of the vehicles and the petrol cost. This, being an unforeseen expenditure, no provision exists in the current year's budget and hence this Demand. Out of this, Rs.13,09,735 was advanced from Contingency Fund.

F.2.—The additional amount is required to meet the increased demand under Travelling Allowance and Pay of Establishment.

F.-3—Other Establishment (*a*) *Process Serving Establishment.*—The excess expenditure is required due to the entertainment of temporary process servers.

(*c*) *Staging Bungalow Establishment.*—The excess expenditure is required due to the purchase of furniture for the Dak Bungalows in some districts.

(*a*) The additional amount is required to meet the increase expenditure under process serving charges.

(*c*) The additional amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under "pay of casual employees".

F.5.—Expenditure in connection with Local Board Election

In view of the recent Government decision to dissolve the Sibsagar Local Board it has become necessary to hold fresh election to reconstitute the Board. It could not therefore be anticipated before as to the amount necessary to be incurred by the Subdivisional Officer, Sibsagar to run the election. The expenditure is first to be incurred by the Subdivisional Officer but to be subsequently recovered from the Local Board Fund. The amount was advanced from Contingency Fund and the present Supplementary Demand is necessary to regularise the same.

G.—Works—Original Works—In Connection with Naga Hills Operation

An amount of Rs.1,39,055 was required for constructing certain accommodation for Military in Naga Hills in connection with the operation. The expenditure was unforeseen. This additional amount had to be provided by taking advance from Contingency Fund. Another sum of Rs.40,000 placed at the disposal of Commissioner, Naga Hills was advanced from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

An amount of Rs.18,000 was required for constructing three mule sheds with three drivers sheds at Mokokchung for Military in connection with the

operation in Naga Hills. The expenditure was unforeseen. This additional amount had to be provided by taking advance from Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

An amount of Rs.15,000 was required for constructing buildings for Brigade Headquarters at Wokha, Ghaspani and Chakabama in connection with the operation in Naga Hills. The expenditure was unforeseen. This additional amount had to be provided by the taking advance from Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

The amount is required for construction of a shed for the accommodation of the Office of the Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner at Wakching. The work and staff of the office are increasing and there is no sufficient accommodation for the entire establishment. The construction is urgent. Hence the demand.

An amount of Rs.3,200 was required for sinking 4 tube wells at Jorhat for 9th Assam Rifles in connection with the operation in Naga Hills. The expenditure was unforeseen. Out of this, a sum of Rs.2,400 was advanced from Contingency Fund.

F.(*b*).—The additional amount is required to meet the repair charges of Cattle pound in Mizo District which could not be anticipated at the time of framing the Budget Estimate.

H.-2.—Miscellaneous

The above sum is required for meeting the expenditure on additional temporary staff sanctioned for the Trade Adviser's office to cope with increased volume of work (Rs.1,500) and also for providing additional furniture for the Trade Adviser's office in Calcutta (Rs.2,000).

Development Schemes (2nd Five Year Plan)—4.—P. W. R.—Cost of Employment Exchange.

The administration of the Employment Exchange Organisation in this State hitherto administered by the Central Government has been taken over by the Government of Assam with effect from the 1st November 1956. According to the financial arrangement arrived at the total cost of the whole organisation will be shared by both the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 60 : 40 per cent and the latter is required to make provision in their budget for the entire amount for the purpose of incurring expenditure initially. The Central Government's share of 60 per cent of the total expenditure is recoverable at the close of the year.

Hence provision of Rs.5,980 is required to meet the expenditure for the period from 1st November, 1956 to 31st March 1957.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Motion moved is:

"That an additional amount of Rs.37,49,549 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1957, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration."

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.20,000 under Supplementary Demand No. 6, Major head—25.—General Administration, Minor head—F.5—Expenditure in connection with the Local Board Elections, at page 13 of the list of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i.e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.37,49,549 do stand reduced by Re.1.

(The object of moving this Cut Motion is to question the decision of the Government in dissolving the Sibsagar Local Board).

Sir, at page 19 of the of list Supplementary Demands, it has been explained that "in view of the recent Government decision to dissolve the Sibsagar Local Board it has become necessary to hold fresh election to reconstitute the Board. It could not therefore be anticipated before as to the amount necessary to be incurred by the Subdivisional Officer, Sibsagar to run the election. The expenditure is first to be incurred by the Subdivisional Officer but to be subsequently recovered from the Local Board Fund. The amount was advanced from Contingency Fund and the present Supplementary Demand is necessary to regularise the same". Sir, at the moment, the general election in the Sibsagar Local Board is being held. The first was held on 17th, the second on 22nd and the third will be held some time on 26th or 27th. Sir, the facts leading to the dissolution of the Board is very amazing. As this House know, in the Sibsagar Local Board there were 23 Members from the Congress Party and 7 Members from the Opposition Parties. The Local Board elected one Praja Socialist Party Member as the Vice Chairman of the Sibsagar Local Board.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): That goes to your credit.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: We shall see whether that goes to your credit also. Then what happened ? The District Congress Committee could not discipline its Members. It therefore went up to the Provincial Congress Committee and subsequently it was decided to precipitate a situation which will force the Government to dissolve the Local Board and have a new Board where the Vice Chairman can be a Congress Member. They decided that all Congress Members of the Sibsagar Local Board should resign. I have seen a copy of the resignation letter forwarded by each of the Members. Sir, this matter came up before the High Court. The High Court heard the whole case and I understand, judgement is to be

delivered to-day (*interruption*) and most of them said "I am resigning because the Party wants me to resign". (*Voice*—Most Honourable)—Yes, very honourable, and in that way, 23 members tendered their resignations. The resignations were accepted and the Chairman was asked to continue the Board, and in the meantime the Board was dissolved under Section 91 for incompetence of the Board to carry on its function. Now, Sir, I am not concerned so much with the legal aspect as for the political aspect of it. The political aspect is very clear. The 23 Members resigned not because the Board was functioning in a way which it should not have functioned, nor that it indulged in malpractices. But the 23 Members resigned because there was some question of discipline—some Members voted the Praja Socialist Party Member as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. SPEAKER: How does Government involve itself in this case?

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: I wish Government did not take any part in it (*interruption*). Even after the resignation, Government should not have done it. I am interested in this 20,000 rupees. And I am not interested what happened in the Sibsagar Local Board. Now, there were two procedures opened for the Government—either to fill the quorum of the Board which is only 10 ; there were 7 members already and election could be held for 3 members only in 3 constituencies which could have fulfilled the quorum of the Board, or they could have held the election for the 23 seats. According to our own Local Self-Government Act, if Members resign under Section 15, then bye-elections should be held. As soon as the resignations were accepted under that particular Section, immediately thereafter, bye-elections should have been held for the 23 seats and the 7 seats should have been left undisturbed. They did not do so. And there is a question of money also. If the 7 seats were not contested, the expenditure of the money could have been saved. It may be one thousand or five hundred. We are interested even in one rupee. It was not necessary to dissolve the whole Board. When a situation has been created by the manoeuvre of the Party and the 23 Members resigned, it was necessary for the Government to hold election for the 23 seats only but the whole Board was dissolved. If the whole Board was incompetent, till the date the Board was not formed, the Chairman would have continued even with the 7 Members. But instead of that they have dissolved the whole Board and thereby incurred more expenditure in holding the general election even in the 7 seats where

no member resigned and I submit that that was wrong. Here Government is more motivated by political consideration than by actual consideration of making the Board competent. I therefore, submit that this money should not be expended for the purpose because it is out of the general administration and that the amount of money could have been reduced.

Mr. SPEAKER : Cut Motion moved : "That the provision of Rs.20,000 under Supplementary Demand No.6, Major head—25.—General Administration, Minor head—F.5.—Expenditure in connection with the Local Board Elections, at page 13 of the list of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i.e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.37,49,549 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also want to speak something.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, Mr. Bhattacharyya.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Sir, so far as the point raised by my Friend, Mr. Goswami, regarding the resignation of the members who have voted for a candidate not of the Congress party, I have nothing to say, because so far as I am concerned, I believe in political honesty. That if somebody is returned on a party ticket it is only meet and proper that he should continue to be a member of that party. I do not like this sort of crossing of floor. There is one thing on which I have a complaint—why Government in such a hurry should make a fresh election when the Government were fully aware that certain election case was pending in the High Court ? In connection with this matter, Government could as well have waited for some time till the decision of the High Court was out. This is my first complaint. My second complaint is that, why the Government should think that the Board is incompetent to run the administration. In other words, due to the resignation of the members some bye-elections, only in those particular constituencies, are to be held. So I quite agree with the views expressed by Mr. Goswami that here in this case, Government do not function as an impartial body, it functions according as the Party Whip. I do not think that the Government ought to have functioned like this. There is unnecessary expenditure which leads to some amount of attack on the democratic system itself.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, my Friends, Mr. Goswami and Mr. Bhattacharyya, are under misconceptions. It does not strike them that along with the 23 members out of 30, the Chairman also resigned his office as Chairman of the Board. It is known to everybody that a Vice-Chairman cannot exercise any power unless some power is delegated by the Chairman. Then, naturally with the resignation of the Chairman which was accepted, there was nobody in the Board to carry on the day to day administration of the Local Board. It is only after the dissolution of the Board that Government can empower somebody to carry on the functions of the Board and order fresh election. So there was no alternative for Government but to order dissolution of the Board and order a fresh election. But little time is taken because Government had to call for an explanation from the members and get the views of the Chairman and other members of the Board. Naturally, their views have been taken into consideration.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : Is it not wrong to consult the views of the members after they have ceased to be members of the Board?

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Sir, this is an informal matter that the Chairman had to consult other members also. After taking their views into consideration, Government decided to dissolve the Board and order a fersh election, the aim being to constitute a Local Board as early as possible so that it can function properly. In this particular case, Government allowed the Chairman who resigned to continue the day-to-day administration---and I do not know what is the interpretation of my Friends ! As a matter of fact Government had nothing to do with any decision or direction of any party.

Then another point that has been raised by my Friend is that the matter has been pending before the High Court. Sir, the matter of dissolution of the Board was not pending before the High Court at the time when we passed an order. So it was not a question of interference with matter pending before Court, I am sure my learned Friends will try to appreciate that Government had not done anything on the dictates of any Party, but as there is no other alternative, Government had to dissolve the Local Board and authorise the Chairman to carry on the day-to-day administration pending election. In view of what I have stated, I hope my learned Friend will see his way to withdraw his Cut Motion.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, I am not withdrawing my Cut Motion.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is:

That the provision of Rs. 20,000 under Supplementary Demand No. 6, Major head—25.—General Administration, Minor head—F.5—Expenditure in connection with the Local Board Elections, at page 13 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re. 1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs. 53,49,549, do stand reduced by Re. 1.

(The Cut Motion was negatived)

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is:

That an additional amount of Rs. 37,49,549 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.7

("27.—Administration of Justice")

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 2,24,934, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	14,46,400
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	...
II. Additional amount now required	2,24,934

III. Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B. Law officers—							
(b)—Legal Remembrancer—							
Allowance and Honoraria.	31,600	...	..	..	12,000	..	12,000
Contingencies ..	7,500	..	..	...	19,000	..	19,000

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(c) Mufasil Establishment—							
Allowances and Honoraria.	48,000	3,200	..	..	500	..	500
Contingencies ..	27,000	1,000	..	..	9,000	..	9,000
D. Civil and Sessions Courts—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(a) District and Session Judge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Pay of officers	1,00,300	..	..	..	38,970	..	38,970
2. Pay of Estt. ..	85,000	..	..	..	43,730	..	43,730
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	82,000	..	..	..	40,000	..	40,000
4. Contingencies	1,10,000	..	..	..	21,330	..	21,330
D(b) Deputy Commissioner's Civil Court Estt.	77,000	900	..	..	4,500	..	4,500
D(c) Subdivisional Civil Court Estt.	48,700	160	..	..	1,000	..	1,000
Total—D.—Civil and Session Courts.	..	..	..	..	1,48,530	..	1,48,530

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
E.—Criminal Court							
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	1,35,507	4,050	..	..	8,055	...	8,055
4. Contingencies	3,75,800	25,000	..	..	23,089	3,760	26,849
Total—E.	..	..	..	..	31,144	3,760	34,904
Grand Total ..	..	..	...	..	2,21,174	3,760	2,24,934

Sir, the reasons for which the amount is necessary have been given in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

B(*b*).—The additional amount of Rs. 12,000 is required to meet the increased expenditure on fees to Government Advocates and the Advocate General for conducting cases before the High Court. Moreover, the Excise appeals now pending before the Supreme Court will come up for hearing during this year which means payment of a considerable amount to a Senior Lawyer who is being engaged to represent this Government along with the Advocate General and our Junior Advocate at the Supreme Court. Hence the necessity for this Additional Grant.

The extra Grant of Rs. 1,000 is required to purchase Law books to make the Legal Remembrancer's Library up-to-date.

The extra grant of Rs. 18,000 is required to meet the increased expenditure on security deposit in each appeal to the Supreme Court and also for payment of Court fees both in the Supreme Court and the High Court.

B(*c*).—The provision of Rs. 200 to meet the travelling expenses of Government Pleaders is found to be inadequate and hence the necessity to this grant of Rs. 500.

The extra grant of Rs. 9,000 is required to meet the increased expenditure on fees to other pleaders due to increase in the volume of litigation throughout the State.

D(*a*).—The additional amount is required to meet the expenditure in connection with the entertainment of the Additional Sub-Judge and his staff at Gauhati and also for further retention of the temporary posts of the Judge ship at Lower Assam Division. Besides, some extra provision is also necessary to meet the inadequacy in the District and Session Judge's Budget owing to the amalgamation of sub-ordinate civil courts with the District Judges' Establishment. Increased provisiou under allowances is due to entertainment of Additional Sub-Judge and his staff, etc., as stated above.

The extra amount under contingencies is required partly to meet the increased expenditure under "Diet and Road money to witnesses" and partly due to purchase of more books for the newly started library at the Judge-ship at Cachar.

D(*b*) and (*c*)—.Extra amounts are necessary to meet the increased requirement under "Remuneration to Copyists" which is of unforeseen and fluctuating nature.

E. 3.—The amount is necessary mainly to meet the unexpectedly increased expenditure on fees for examination of questioned documents,

E. 4. —The amount is necessary to meet the increased expenditure under "Diet and Road Money to Witnesses",

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is:

That an additional amount of Rs. 2,24,934 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is:

That an additional amount of Rs. 2,24,934, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "27—Administration of Justice".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demands No. 8
("28.—Jail and Convict Settlement")

Shri A. ALLEY (**Minister**) Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 50,147 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for administration of the head "28.—Jails and Convict Settlement".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	19,69,300
II. Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	780
Additional amount now required	50,147

III. Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for :—

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A. District Jails—							
2. Pay of Establishment.	2,99,750	35,998	..	780	..	412	412
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	1,49,300	30,645	..	..	..	1,990	1,990
4. Contingencies	9,96,600	88,410	..	..	..	300	300
Total—A ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,702	2,702
B. Charges for Police custody.	1,02,740	27,050	..	..	24,300	18,700	43,000
Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	..	1,400	1,400
E. Works—							
(a) Original works							
2. Charges for Police custody.	..	..	..	..	..	3,045	3,045
Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills operation.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	24,300	25,847	50,147

The explanatory notes below will explain the necessity of the amount.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.-2—The amount is required due to entertainment of temporary staff, etc., in the District Jails, Aijal.

A.-3—The amount is required to meet the allowances of temporary staff, etc., in the District Jail, Aijal.

A.-4—The amount is required to meet the expenditure for Miscellaneous contingencies in the District Jail, Aijal.

B.—The additional amount is required to meet the increased demand of expenditure during the current financial year. The increased expenditure is mainly due to the increase of under-trial prisoners which could not be foreseen earlier and hence the demand.

An amount of Rs. 1,400 was required for purchasing clothing for the under-trial prisoners in Mokokchung Lock-up on account of increase in their number due to the operation in Naga Hills. The expenditure was unforeseen. This additional amount had to be provided by taking advance from Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

E.—(*a*) An amount of Rs. 3,045 was required for addition and alteration to the 3rd Assam Rifles Barrack at Mokokchung for converting it into a lock-up in connection with the operation in Naga Hills. This additional amount had to be provided by taking advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is:

That an additional amount of Rs. 50,147 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1957, for administration of the head "28—Jails and Convict Settlement".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 50,147 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for administration of the head "28.—Jails and Convict Settlement".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.9

("29.—Police")

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 62,02,690 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	1,87,24,100
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	1,04,84,889
Additional amount now required	62,02,690

III.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for :—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—Superintendence—							
1. Pay of Officer	1,06,333	..	..	..	25,900	..	25,900
2. Pay of Establishment.	78,500	..	..	..	3,000	..	3,000
3. Allowance and Honoraria.	48,296	..	..	..	7,000	..	7,000
4. Contingencies	18,700	..	..	..	4,500	..	4,500
B.—D.E.F.—							
(a) District Police—							
(1) Pay of Estt.	44,20,911	12,18,700	..	4,41,152	..	92,100	92,100
(2) Allowances and Honoraria.	24,90,458	11,79,732	..	1,76,259	3,27,000	80,910	4,07,910
(3) Contingencies.	17,18,286	5,85,250	..	58,75,743	57,000	2,25,323	2,82,323
(4) Introduction of Passport between India and Pakistan.	1,12,300	..	.	..	..	22,000	22,000
(5) Special Police, Assam Rifles.	..	..	..	..	..	47,79,643	47,79,643

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
F. Railway Police—							
(*a*) Supervising staff.	78,500	..	..	..	2,350	..	2,350
(*b*) Crime and order Police.	2,60,000	..	..	..	52,900	..	52,900
G.—C.I.D.—							
(*a*) C.I.D. (Proper)—							
(1) Pay of Officer.	51,700	..	..	..	1,900	..	1,900
(2) Allowance and Honoraria	5,12,009	..	..	..	12,000	..	12,000
(3) Contingencies.	1,15,700	..	..	..	14,000	..	14,000
(*d*) Border Security Force.	27,91,400	..	..	..	78,000	..	78,000
J.—Works—							
(*a*) Original works—							
1. Police ..	1,26,260	35,000	1,67,327	78,126	4,17,164	..	4,17,164
GRAND TOTAL.	..	..	..	..	10,02,714	51,99,976	62,02,690

The neccessity for this demand has been explained in the Explanatory Notes below :—

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. (1-3).— Due to the present emergency in the Naga Hills, one post of D.I.G.P. (Admn.), two posts of Special Officers and some ministerial staff had to be created. Hence an additional amount of Rs.35,900 is necessary.

A. (4) & B(*a*)(3).—A sum of Rs.4,500 and Rs.57,000 are required on account of purchase of stationery and service stamps and payment of telephone bills. On account of the present emergency in the Naga Hills, use of the above has increased considerably. Hence the necessity of the additional amount.

B. (*a*) 1.—Due to the present emergency in the Naga Hills a Battalion of Naga Militia has been raised. Hence an additional amount of Rs.92,100 is necessary. The amount has been advanced from Contingency Fund.

B. (*a*)(2), G. (*a*) (2) & G. (*d*).—The amount of Rs.3,27,000, Rs.12,000, Rs.78,000 are necessary to meet the expenditure on account of the grant of daily allowance at full rates to Police personnel engaged in the Naga Hills operations and also for payment of full daily allowance to Police personnel who will be engaged in the forth coming General Election.

Another amount of Rs.80,910 is required in connection with the raising of a Naga Militia. The amount has been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

B. (*a*) (3).—A sum of Rs.89,708 is required for purchase of 4 Power Wagons which are necessary for use in connection with the operation. Another sum of Rs.42,390 is required for purchase of 3 Willys Jeeps for 3 Scheduled districts, *viz.*, Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Garo Hills and Mizo District.

A sum of Rs.93,295 is also required in connection with the raising of a Naga Militia. The amount has been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

B. (*a*) (4).—This sum of Rs.22,000 is required on account of construction of Passport Checkpost buildings in the district of United Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Assam and also for acquisition of land at Gauripur in the district of Goalpara. A corresponding Budget provision of Rs.75,200 already exists in the Central Budget. The sum of Rs.58,000 has been sanctioned in 1955-56 for the purpose but the work could not be taken up for want of permission for acquisition of land from the District Council, Shillong and the amount had to be surrendered at the end of the year when there was no time provision in regular Budget. Hence this Demand.

B. (*a*) 5.—As the condition in the Naga Hills are likely to remain disturbed for a considerable period it is necessary to have adequate strength of armed force with superior training and equipments in the Naga Hills for immediate operational duty and for regular work latter. Government of India have agreed with the State Government to raise two battalion of Assam Rifles with effect from 1st November 1956 for this purpose. The estimated expenditure on this account is Rs.77,00,000 during the current year, out of which Rs.29,20,357 will be met by re-appropriation. The balance amount of Rs.47,79,643 is required to be provided. Hence the Demand.

F. (*a*).—A sum of Rs.2,350 is necessary to meet the expenditure on account of the grant of hill allowance. Owing to the decision for the grant of hill allowance to the Supervising staff having been made after the submission of the budget, provision could not be made in the current year's budget. Hence this Demand.

F. (*b*).—A sum of Rs.52,900 is required to meet the expenditure on account of adjustment of arrear house rent for accommodating Government Railway Police Stations at Haiborgaon and Manipur Road and also to meet the additional expenditure on account of giving initial benefit of Rs. 5 per mensem in constables' pay due to revision of scales of pay of low paid Government Servants.

G. (*a*) (1).—This sum of Rs.1,900 is required on account of drawal of leave salary by a retired Deputy Superintendent of Police.

G. (*a*) (3).—A sum of Rs.14,000 is required on account of extra expenditure under "Secret Service" due to Naga Hills operations as well as border protection duties, purchase of Type-Writers for the D.I.B. Offices in the Districts and also purchase and replacement of furniture.

J. (*a*) (*i*).—A sum of Rs.4,17,164 is required to meet the expenditure on account of cost of acquisition of two plots of land at Gauhati for extension of the Police Reserve Line and for construction of various buildings for the Police Department.

Of the various items given at page 26 of the List of Supplementary Demands for Grants and Supplementary Appropriation for 1956-57, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Members to one particular items, *viz.*, B(5) for their consideration. As the conditions in the Naga Hills are likely to remain disturbed for a considerable period, it is necessary to have adequate strength of armed force with superior training and equipments in the Naga Hills for immediate operational duty and for regular work later. The Police force should be sufficiently equipped with superior training so that they can deal with the situation and give protection to the loyal Naga people in the Naga Hills, and the people living on the border of the district. For operational duty it will be necessary to have the Police Force sufficiently well equipped so that the stray gangsters may not interfere in the day-to-day administration, and also may not endanger the lives of the loyal citizens.

The estimated expenditure in this connection come to Rs.77,00,000 during the current year, out of which Rs.29,20,357 will be met by re-appropriation. Our idea at the beginning was to engage our armed Police Force after getting them trained by the Military. But as it was found that military officers are not readily available for giving training to our Police we were advised to raise two full battalions of the Assam Rifles. The expenditure has come to Rs.77,00,000 out of which Rs.29,20,357 will be met by re-appropriation out of the fund for a battalion of Armed Police. The balance amount of Rs.47,79,643 is required to be provided. Hence the Demand. Other important items of expenditure are given in the list.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.62,02,690 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "29.--Police".

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : Sir, I will not move the Cut Motion. The only thing I want to know whether the Police Force will be under the Deputy Inspector General of Police.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : The Assam Rifles will be under our control and it will be under the Inspector General of Assam Rifles under complete control of State Government.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN: Sir, whether the Government of India will bear a share of the cost ? I want to know that on a point of clarification.

Mr. SPEAKER : The State Government have been pressing for financial assistance.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : We are in correspondence with the Government of India regarding the share of the expenditure, and we have been pressing for financial assistance.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that an additional amount of Rs.62,02,690 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.10

("37.—Education")

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 11,80,761, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "37.—Education".

The figures are placed below and the reasons are given in the explanatory notes.

	Rs.
I.—Grant orginally voted by the Assembly	4,12,39,500
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	58,807
Additonal amount now required	11,80,761

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary demand will be accounted for.—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
NORMAL SPECIAL—							
M.—Government Special Schools—							
(*c*) Technical Education—							
(*iii*) Industrial Training Institute, Jorhat.	..	..	..	..	1,10,098	..	1,10,098
(*ii*) Development Scheme (Five Year Plan)—							
T.2—Works—							
(*a*) Original Works	..	..	..	..	31,563	..	31,563
DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES—SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN—							
(1) Devlopment Schemes under Article 275—							
C.5.—Direct grant to non-Government Arts Colleges.	..	..	..	...	31,500	35,000	66,500
J.5.—Direct grant to non-Government Primary Schools.	..	79,000	..	..	...	21,000	21,000
M.5.—Government Special School.	1,37,000	25,000	..	..	..	30,000	30,000
T.5.—Works ..	..	20,000	..	..	55,000	—	55,000

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(II) Development Schemes Second Five Year Plan—							
SPECIAL—							
M.6.—Government Special Schools.							
(*f*) Technical Education.	4,26,700	..	..	...	66,600	..	66,600
General charges—							
S.6.—Miscellaneous—							
(*d*) Grants to other miscellaneous charges.	20,000	..	..	..	1,70,000	30,000	2,00,000
DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN— Central							
G.7.—Direct grants to non-Government Secondary Schools.	...	..	..	..	3,50,000	2,50,000	6,00,000
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	8,14,761	3,66,000	11,80,761

The Explanatory Notes below will explain the need of this demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

M.—The control of the Industrial Training Institute, Jorhat was previously under Directorate General of Re-settlement and Employment, Government of India, Ministry of Labour. This State Government used to contribute 40 per cent towards meeting the expenditure in the Institute. The control of the Institute has been taken over by this State Government with effect from 1st November, 1956 as desired by the Government of India. As such it is necessary that the entire expenditure from the above date in respect of the Institute which is to be shared between the Central and the State on 60 : 40 basis; should be provided in our State's budget and the Government of India's share will be recovered later on. The total amount required for the Institute for a period for four months from 1st November 1956 to 28th February 1957 is Rs.1,10,098. No provision could be made in the current year's budget as the final decision regarding the transfer of the control of the Institute was made recently.

T 2.—A sum of Rs.46,563 for the purpose of construction of a workshop building of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Institute of

Engineering and Technology, Jorhat was sanctioned towards the end of the last financial year. Out of the above amount, a sum of Rs.15,000 only could be spent for the purpose and the balance was surrendered, No provision could be made in the budget for 1956-57 as by t he time the above amount was sanctioned, the budget estimate has already been framed. This Balance of Rs.31,563 is, therefore, required to complete the work already started last year. As the work is urgent, the amount was advanced from Contingency Fund. Hence this Demand.

C-5, J-5, M-5 and T-5.—The State Budget for the current financial year was prepared long before our sending proposals under Art. 275 (1) of the Constitution to the Government of India for their approval and therefore, full provision under the sub-head could not be made in time. The Government of India have sanctioned some schemes beyond the limit of our budget provision and the whole provision will be recovered from the Government of India. It is, therefore, necessary that the short-fall of Rs.1,72,500 in our budget should be provided by Supplementary Demand.

M-6.—For proper development of the Assam Civil Engineering Institute, Gauhati with an enrolment of 120 students annually, Government of India, E. R. G. estimated that a further sum of Rs.1,16,600 will be necessary for purchasing tools and equipments. Fifty per cent of this amount is to be borne by the Government of India who have now sanctioned their share. Out of State share a sum of Rs.50,000 was, however, spent during the last financial year. The balance of State share of Rs.8,300 together with the share of the Government of India of Rs.58,300 is, therefore, required to be provided in the budget. But the amount could not be provided in the current year's budget as the sanction of the Government of India was not recived when the preparation of the budget was finalised. Hence the Demand.

S-6.—The amount is required for giving grants to existing sports, clubs and Associations in the State for the purpose of (*i*) improvement of fields, (*ii*) construction stadia and (*iii*) construction of Guest Houses with a view to promote all round progress in the activities of games and sports in the State. The amount is to be contributed by it from its own resources.

As this is a Central sector schemes sponsored directly by the Ministry of Education, 66 per cent of the total cost is expected to be borne by the Central. The State share of the expenditure amounting to Rs.68,000 will be met by adjustment within the Second Plan.

G-7.—It has been decided by Government to exempt from payment of tuition fees by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Hills and Plains) students reading in Government and non-Government Secondary, vocational and technical institutions in the State during this year. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have also given specific assurance that a sum of Rs 6 lakhs would be made available to the State Government for the purpose, and their formal sanction to this effect is awaited. On the strength of this assurance instructions have already been issued to the school authorities to stop realisation of fees from Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Hills and Plains) students with effect from 1st October 1956 with a view to compensate the non-Government institutions on account of loss of fee income, out of Government of India's share of Rs.6 lakhs. As regards Government institutions, loss of revenue on this account will be borne by by the State Government. The Government of India's share will be made avaiblable under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes—2nd Five Year Plan. There is no orresponding provision of fund in the State Budget to meet the expenditure involved under the Scheme. Hence this Demand.

Sir, I beg to draw the attention of the honourable members to item No. S-6., given at page 32 of the List of Supplementary Demands, for which the Cut Motion has been moved, that I do not want to move the whole of the portion giving districtwise allocation, the reason is that I do not want to bind down the hands of the Department with this districtwise allocation. The time at our hands is very short and the enthusiasm of the people may not be roused in some places during the short space of time as to justify the expenditure voted by Assembly. This expenditure depends entirely on the public co-operation. Due to shortness of time in some places there may not be scope for expenditure and while in some places there may be necessity for increased expenditure. That is why I propose to delete the portion.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount Rs.11,80,761, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "37.—Education".

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, I am not moving the Cut Motion. But I want to make certain observation only. Though the district allocation funds have been deleted, yet there is one item providing Rs. 5,000 for each district for grants to Clubs and Associations in the rural areas only. My whole point is that whatever may be the district allocation, it will not be more than Rs. 30,000 per district, because there are as many as 9 districts. What really I want to say is that only Rs. 5,000 has been ear-marked for each district for grants to the Clubs and Associations in the rural areas, which will be quite inadequate for the purpose of improvement of fields, construction of stadia, etc. These things will really require a huge amount. I do not know whether the provision of 20 or 30 thousands in each district will fulfil all these things. So this aspect of the matter should also be remembered. That this demand comes under Education, and this Motion also deal with the students reading in the various schools situated in the rural areas, who are also to be given encouragement in the activities of sports. For all these students in the rural areas Rs. 5,000 will be too meagre not to speak of other things, even to improve the existing play grounds alone. Because in our State there are more than 300 Aided High Schools apart from a good number of Middle English Schools and Middle Vernacular Schools. We have got to take into consideration all these schools also. Because sport

is confined not only to High Schools alone. The Middle English and Middle Vernacular Schools and also the other educational institutions have also play grounds where different games and sports are practised. As a matter of fact, in respect of sports these schools in the rural areas have not still received adequate attention. Therefore, they demand greater attention than the schools and colleges in the various towns of our State.

This is what, Sir, I have to speak in this connection.

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am as anxious to encourage sports and games in the rural areas as the hon. Member is. The question is: we have now only three months left at our disposal during the course of which we have got to spend this amount of Rs. 2 lakhs. In many places in the rural areas there is no branch of the Sport Council established as yet. That is why it is now proposed to limit the expenditure for this year. In the meantime the Sport Council is preparing a scheme which is worth about Rs. 64 lakhs to be included in the next Five Year Plan. But because of the limited time at our disposal during this year after the establishment of the Sport Council to prepare a comprehensive scheme and to bring it before the House for its approval we have not been able to go in for still larger amount this year. Moreover, my Friend, Shri Bhattacharyya, in connection with another Cut Motion relating to the Supplementary Grant No. 1 mentioned that Government should exercise strict vigilance in regard to observance of the Financial Rules. I am quite at one with my Friend, Shri Bhattacharyya, in regard to his valuable observation and that is also another reason for which we have not provided more than two lakhs of rupees for the few months of the year now left. As I have already stated in connection with my observation about district-wise allocation, success of the expenditure incurred in regard to this scheme is greatly dependant on one important factor, and that is the public co-operation. Branches of the Sport Council have yet to be organized not only in the rural areas alone but in many urban areas also and for this co-operation of the local public will be necessary in an abundant measure. At this moment, however, I am not in a position to say whether our scheme for Rs. 64 lakhs will be accepted in toto by the Planning Commission, but whatever that may be, our scheme is there, and it will go to prove that

I am as anxious to encourage sports in our State, both in rural and urban areas, as my Friend is.

With these observations, Sir, I request my Friend not to press for his point.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 11,80,761 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head—"37.—Education".

(The Motion was adopted)

(At this stage the Speaker left the Chamber and the Deputy Speaker presided).

Supplementary Demand No.11
("38.—Medical")

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.2,85,213, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head—"38.—Medical".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	83,19,600
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	
Additional amount now required	2,85,213

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(1) NORMAL.— "B.—Hospitals and Dispensaries—(*a*) Ordinary dispensaries—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation—							
Pay of officers	..	..	..	..	..	70,000	70,000
Pay of Establishment	..	..	..	..	..	15,000	15,000
Contingencies	..	..	..	..	..	1,10,352	1,10,352
Second Five Year Plan—Schemes under Art. 275—							
"B-5.—Hospitals and dispensaries (*b*) Travelling dispensaries".	..	..	..	..	..	20,930	20,930
"C-5.—Grants for Medical purposes.	..	..	..	..	20,000	15,000	35,000
"D-5.—Medical Colleges and Schools—(*a*) Medical Schools—Scholarships and Stipends.	14,600	20,000	..	..	9,300	6,610	15,910
"G-5.—Works—(*a*) Original works.	..	..	..	..	..	18,021	18,021
Total	..	..	..	..	29,300	2,55,913	2,85,213

Sir, the reasons for this grant is detailed below in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

B. (*a*).—The additional amount is necessary in connection with the operation in the Naga Hills as a relief measure. Out of the total amount of Rs. 1,15,000, a sum of Rs. 30,000 is necessary for giving medical relief to the distressed persons and Rs. 70,000 and Rs. 15,000 are required in connection with the recruitment proposed to be made from the retired Army Medical Officers and appointment of Compounders to give increased medical relief to the affected people respectively. As there is no Budget provision to meet this expenditure the Supplementary Demand is necessary.

In connection with the operation in the Naga Hills, the Civil Surgeon, Naga Hills in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills has decided to open eleven treatment units which will serve both the Police personnel as well as villagers. At present six units of Drugs and M. I. Room, equipments at a total cost of Rs. 17,702 have become absolutely necessary as medical relief measure.

The purchase of two Ambulances, one each for the Kohima and Mokokchung Subdivisions, and two jeeps, one each for the Civil Surgeon, Naga Hills and Subdivisional Medical Officer, Mokokchung was considered essentially necessary for efficient discharge of duties in the prevailing abnormal situation in that district. The cost involved in the purchase of two jeeps Ambulance and two jeeps respectively is Rs. 40,000 and Rs.22,650 including transport and insurance charges.

As no provision for expenditure on the above items exists in the current year's budget, provision of the additional amount of Rs. 80,352 (Rs. 17,702+Rs. 62,650) is necessary and in order to meet the urgent necessity in connection with the operation in Naga Hills an advance from the Contingency Fund to the extent of Rs. 80,352 had already been taken to be regularised by this Supplementary Demand.

B-5.—Government of India's sanction to the current year's development schemes under Art. 275 (*i*) of the Constitution was received only last month. Necessary provision to the extent of the amount now required for the implementation of the scheme, *viz.*, establishment of four Travelling Dispensaries in Autonomous Districts, could not be made in the current year's budget. So, to provide fund in the State budget for 1956-57 the Supplementary Demand is necessary.

C-5.—Sanction of the Government of India to our development schemes under Art. 275 has now been received. It has been decided to give grant-in-aid to the individual Tribal T. B. patients in the State. A sum of Rs. 15,000 has been earmarked for Hills Tribal T. B. patients and another sum of Rs. 20,000 for the Plains Tribal T. B. patients. As there is no provision in the current year's budget for the purpose, it is now necessary to provide these amounts in the budget to enable the Department to distribute the grants amongst the patients. Advance from Contingency Fund to the extend of Rs. 35,000 had already been taken. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

D-5.—Sanction of the Government of India to our current year's development schemes under Art. 275 (*i*) of the Constitution has been received only recently. We have earmarked Rs. 26,610 for award of

stipends to Hills Tribal students and Rs. 23,900 for Plains Tribal students for undergoing different categories of training, *viz.*, Medical College, Compounders' Training, Nurses, Midwifery and Dhais' training. Against the amounts earmarked for awarding stipends this year, we have a provision of Rs. 20,000 for Hill areas and Rs. 14,600 for Plains Tribal areas. So provision of additional fund in the State Budget for 1956-57 to the extent of Rs. 6,610 for Sixth Schedule Areas and Rs. 9,300 for General areas is necessary. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

G-5.—Administrative approval to the construction of the dispensary buildings and staff quarters at Bhoilymbong, Diengiei Hills in United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District and at Rongrengiri in Garo Hills departmentally was accorded in 1954. It was anticipated that these buildings could be completed by the end of the last financial year but it could not be done. So, provision in the current year's budget to the extent of Rs. 15,521 for completion of the buildings is necessary. Another sum of Rs.2,500 is now required for establishment of a dispensary at Umden in the Nongpoh area of the United Khasi & Jaintia Hills during the current financial year. The work of construction will be taken up departmentally by the Community Projects Department. Hence the provision of Rs. 2,500 is also necessary. The total amount now required under this head comes to Rs. 18.021. Supplementary Demand is therefore necessary to provide the above amount in current year's Budget.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 2,85,213 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "38.—Medical".

There is no Cut Motion.

(The Motion was then put in the form of a question and was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 12
("39.—Public Health")

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 6,52,538 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	86,85,300
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year	1,69,275
Additional amount now required	6,52,538

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.
NORMAL—							
C.—Expenses in connection with Epidemic Diseases—							
(*b*) other Epidemics	2,88,200	36,300	..	..	1,28,432	..	1,28,432
(*d*) Anti-plague campaign	..	..	..	..	1,90,000	.	1,90,000
G.—Works—(*a*) Original works.							
2. By P. W. D. ..	1,52,000	..	..	..	..	20,000	20,000
3. Incharge of Civil Officers.	70,000	19,200	..	..	2,63,423	..	2,63,423
Development Scheme (Art. 275) First Five Year Plan—							
A-I-Public Health Establishment.	59,400	51,195	..	..	6,172	..	6,172
Development scheme under Art. 275 in Second Five Year Plan—							
B-6.—Grants for Public Health Purposes.	..	..	..	..	18,411	..	18,411
G.-6 Works—(*b*) Original works—							
2. Incharge of Civil Officers.		..	..	..	26,100	..	26,100
Total	..	..	..	..	6,32,538	20,000	6,52,538

Sir, the reasons for bringing in this grant is detailed in the Explanatory Notes given below.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

C-(*b*).—Due to sudden increase of incidence of *Kala-Azar* cases, seven *Kala-Azar* wards had to be constructed during the current year. The existing provision made in the budget under the head is not sufficient to meet the additional expenditure in connection with the contingencies, *viz.*, purchase of Medical Stores, Diet of Patients, Bedding and clothing, equipments, etc. Hence an additional provision of Rs. 1,28,432 is made under the head by Supplementary Demand.

C-(*d*).—After conducting necessary investigation a report was submitted by the Specialists with suggestion for creation of a separate Anti-Plague Department at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,65,000 for one year. On the basis of their suggestion an amount of Rs. 2,55,000 is required for expenditure as detailed at page 83 of Appendix A*, during the current year.

Due to sudden and unexpected outbreak of plague at Gauhati immediate action is necessary for eradication of the disease and its prevention. The outbreak of the disease being unexpected no provision could be made during the current financial year and hence the demand.

G-(*a*).—The amount is required for carrying out emergency Water Supply at Aijal. The water position has become more acute this year due to comperatively less rainfall and long spell of dry weather and the considerable increase of consumers. The water will be brought from the Sairang river by means of trucks and pumping engines for distribution to the consumers in the town. Such acute scarcity of water could not be anticipated earlier and provision was made by taking advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

3. Four temporary 16 bedded *Kala-Azar* wards and staff quarters at Bhuragaon, Badia, Laopani and Ahomagaon and these 15 bedded *Kala-Azar* wards and staff quarters at Rangjuli, Kharmuja and Agia are required to be constructed during the year 1956-57 due to sudden increase of incidence of *Kala-Azar* cases in those places. The expenditure required in connection with the construction of those wards and staff quarters is not covered by the existing provision under the same budget head. An additional amount of Rs. 1,91,423 is required for the purpose. The balance of Rs. 65,000 is required in connection with anti-plague campaign *vide* explanation against C-(*d*) above. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

A-I —During the last financial year two Mobile Public Health Propaganda Units were sanctioned for the areas predominantly inhabited by the Plains Tribal people out of Grant-in-aid under Art. 275 of the Constitution, and accordingly two vans with other accessories were purchased. As the budget was prepared before this scheme was sanctioned, no provision for maintenance of the staff could be made. Amount to the extent now applied for will have to be provided by Supplementary Demand on account of pay and allowance of the staff.

B-6.—An amount of Rs. 50,000 has been sanctioned by Government of India under Art. 275 for the improvement of rural water supply in the areas predominantly inhabited by the Plains Tribal people. There being no

* Not printed.

provision in the budget the amount will have to be provided now. The balances of Rs. 31,589 has been re-appropriated from some savings and so an amount of Rs. 18,411 is only required to be provided by a Supplementary Demand.

G-6.—During the last financial year Schemes for the improvement of Public Health Dispensaries in the areas predominantly inhabited by the Plains Tribal people under Art. 275 of the Constitution sanctioned to the extent of Rs. 95,000 was approved, to be undertaken departmentally. Although it was expected to complete all the Schemes during the year, it was towards the end of the year that some works remained incomplete. As the matter was reported towards the end of the year it was not possible to provide the amount of Rs. 26,100 in the budget. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 6,52,538 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health".

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, I do not propose to move my Cut Motion, but will make certain general observations.

Recently there were certain cases of plague at Gauhati, and these cases were detected by very reputed medical practitioners and news was given out that these were cases of plague. But the confirmation was not forthcoming for a very long time from the Headquarters as they were sent for further examination. In the meantime two persons also died. Sir, my whole point in making this observation is that the plague is not an ordinary disease. It created scare in the whole town. As a matter of fact, many College students and many labourers left the town in fear. Whenever I went to any village the first question put to me was, "What about the plague situation ?". Again, there were certain places where people altogether stopped going for fear of plague infection. There was rumour for about 15 days spreading like wild fire, and yet the final report was not made known to the people and the rumour was spreading fast and loose. I must thank the Medical Department for undertaking certain precautionery measures, *i. e.*, inoculation where co-operation of the local people and the local doctors was beyond expectation. That was successful in keeping the fear down to a great extent. But what

was more important was that these cases ought to have been examined immediately and final findings of the authority made known to the people to the effect that these were plague cases. Unless this is done, rumours spread and the people start making all sorts of wild surmises and the situation deteriorate from bad to worse. Now that some amount of money is going to be spent, I request that in future so far as diseases like plague, cholera, etc., are concerned, which are very dreadful diseases, their confirmation by the Government should be given very soon so that there may not be any scope for rumour mongering.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That delay was due to expert opinion not being available from Shillong.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: I understand, Sir, but in these days no place is very far and one can go from Gauhati to Washington in course of few hours.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am really very much thankful to my Friend, Shri Goswami, for not moving his Cut Motion. Even if he had moved it, I would have been grateful to him because that would have given me an opportunity to explain the position. Now, Sir, it is a fact that there has been case of plague at Gauhati and it is also a fact that there has not been any new case up till now, as a result of the preventive measures taken by the Medical and Public Health Departments. I also thank Shri Goswami for expressing his satisfaction for the measure taken by the Government in this connection.

Sir, in the first case no positive proof was found out. It takes time to culture in the laboratory. As soon as the positive proof of plague was found in the laboratory, I alerted all the Medical and Public Health personnel in the districts and the next day I went down to Gauhati, contacted all the Medical personnel there both Government and private. I also contacted the members of the Indian Medical Association there and formed an Advisory Committee and requested them to keep a watch over the situation and also to issue bulletins from day to day describing the exact position of the situation. So there was no lack of any efforts on the part of the Government.

Mr. Goswami also stated that there was no D. D. T. spraying before any positive proof was found. That is not a fact, Sir. As soon as we came back from Coochbehar,

myself and the Chief Minister went there-immediately; we (myself and the Chief Minister) contacted the Public Health and Medical personnel there and also the Director of Pasteur Institute, Shillong, who went there, for that purpose. We gave them necessary instructions and also asked them to spray D.D.T. no matter whether any positive proof has been found or not. We, asked them to adopt all preventive measures. Of course there was some panic, and naturally it would be so, because the plague is a dreadful disease. Now after the positive proof was found along with D. D. T. spraying, steps were taken to inoculate the people of Gauhati, (the people living within the municipality areas) and that was done. D. D. T. was sprayed almost in all the houses and godowns of the town. We did not stop there, Sir. Immediately, when the positive proof was found I sent an appeal to the Union Health Minister to help us in this matter. There was a prompt response from the Government of India who directed the Director General of Health Services to depute two specialists from Calcutta to Gauhati. The specialists came to Gauhati and also to Shillong. They left instructions after investigation as to how to deal with the situation and we are taking all necessary steps accordingly. Sir, we have taken all possible steps as demanded by the situation. I now appeal to my Friends in this House and to the people of Gauhati to continue to give us their whole hearted co-operation in this matter, and as a matter of fact we are getting all help and co-operation from all concerned.

We have also appointed recently one Special Plague Officer who is to be posted at Gauhati and we are trying to have some squad from Calcutta also.

Now, in view of what I have explained above in detail. I hope, the Supplementary Demand will be passed by the House.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with a view to remove the misconception that is still lingering in the minds of my Friend, Sri Goswami and some others, I want to say that it takes sometime to confirm that there is germ of plague, as it involves some examination in the laboratory. As a lay man, I told the reason to the panicky students at Gauhati who were about to go out of the town. The reason is apparent, Sir. Sometimes in cases of malaria, the positive indication cannot be detected in the microscope. Similarly in this case, the samples that were taken from the infected persons and rats sent to the Pasteur Institute, for examination, it took sometime before it could be detected.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: How long does it take ?

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): It is difficult to say the exact time. Rabbits were injected and it takes a few days to develop the germ and kill the rabbit—these samples containing the germs are allowed to develop in a serum for a few days. These operations take certain period. That period cannot be shortened. Sometimes the rabbit does not die out of the vaccination that is given out of the serum prepared from the affected rats or persons. So fresh germs are to be cultured and experimented, and in this way it takes some time before any positive proof could be obtained. Naturally the usual time was taken by the Pasteur Institute to detect and confirm plague germ definitely. But even before the positive germ could be detected, all necessary preventive measures were taken as soon as we suspected it to be a case of plague. I am quite sure my Friend, Sri Goswami, will explain all these with whom he comes in contact, the reason of the delay in confirming it as a case of plague.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is that an additional amount of Rs.6,52,538 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "39—Public Health".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 13

("40—Agriculture")

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 40,15,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up for payment during the year ending 31st March 1957, for the administration of the head "40–Agriculture".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	1,29,29,709
II.—Additional amount voted by the Assembly during the year.	79,480
Additional amount now required ...	40,15,00

III.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for :—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—NORMAL—							
F.—Agricultural Experiments and Research—							
(*i*) Composite Research Station for pepper, cardamon, cashewnut, etc.	..	..	..	..	15,000	..	15,000
(*x*) Fertilizer Demonstration Scheme.	..	..	..	..	40,00,000	..	40,00,000
Grand Total	..	..	..	..	40,15,000	..	40,15,000
Deduct—Recoveries—							
F.—2.—Agricultural Experiment and Research—							
(*f*) Phillobari Reclamation Scheme—							
Deduct—Amount transferred to 7.—Land Revenue—	..	..	..	..	—20,07,222	..	—20,07,222
F.—6.—Agricultural experiment and Research. XII—Mechanised Cultivation Scheme—							
Deduct—Amount transferred to 7.—Land Revenue.	..	..	..	..	—4,45,326	..	—4,45,326
Total—Recovery	..	..	..	..	—24,52,548	..	—24,52,548

The Explanatory Note below explains this need of the Demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

F. (*i*) (*iv*).—Due to post-budget decision in respect of the implementation of the scheme, no provision could be made in the original budget and for immediate implementation of it, a sum of Rs.15,000 was advanced from the Contingency Fund. The scheme aims at research on pepper, cardamom cashewnuts, etc., in Assam. Hence the demand.

(*x*).—This amount is required for purchase of fertilizers allotted by Government of India to this State for distribution amongst cultivators on the basis of no loss no gain. Hence the demand.

F.-2 (*j*).—The proposed amount will be initially incurred under "40.—Agriculture" but ultimately it is to be transferred to 7.—Land Revenue as "*deduct*—recoveries" as decided by Government. The Government decision was made after the Budget was framed and hence this Suppiementary Demand.

F.-6.—The Mechanised Cultivation Scheme has been prepared in the same line of the Kaki Reclamation Scheme for reclamation of the Earingati and Bokail areas in the Golaghat Subdivision. The operation of the Scheme has been started at Fallangani from November last (by the State Agriculture Department) on being completion of reclamation work at Kaki.

All expenditure excepting the Works expenditure and the cost of machineries are initially to be booked under "40.—Agriculture" and ultimately to be transferred to "7.—Land Revenue" as "*Deduct*—recoveries". In addition to above, a depreciation charge at 20 per cent of the cost of machineries is also to be borne by the Revenue Department. The Scheme was sanctioned by Government after the Budget was framed and hence this Demand now.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 40,15,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up for payment during the year ending 31st March 1957 for the administration of the head "40.—Agriculture".

(The Motion was put and adopted.)

(At this stage the Speaker occupied the Chair and the Deputy Speaker vacated the same.)

Supplementary Demand No. 14

(43 Industries and Supplies—I.—Sericulture and Weaving)"

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg,

to move that an additional amount of Rs.19,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of head "43.—Industries and Supplies—I.—Sericulture and Weaving."

	Rs
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	52,33,200
Additional amount voted by the Assembly during the year.	46,046
II.—Additional amount now required	19,500

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
NORMAL—							
D.—Rural Organisation.—							
2. Pay of Establishment.—	89,800	27,100	..	..	..	2,640	2,640
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	84,800	33,620	..	..	..	2,772	2,772
4. Contingencies ..	18,800	7,500	..	..	..	288	288
E.—Training Organisation—							
IV.—(*a*) Training Classes—							
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	3,600	12,400	..	..	..	6,750	6,750
4. Contingencies ..	1,700	5,100	..	..	..	950	950
F.—(*a*) Grants-in-aid.	13,900	3,600	30,000	..	..	6,100	6,109
Total..	..	..	..	..	..	19,500	19,500

The reason for this Supplementary Demand has been detained in the explanatory Notes below :—

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Scheme "Handloom Weaving Demonstration Unit" in Garo Hills and training of Mikir and Garo students in Handloom Weaving was put into operation by the end of the last financial year 1955-56, after submission of Budget estimate for the year 1956-57. As continuance of the scheme is essentially necessary in order to encourage Garo and Mikir youths awarding them stipends for training in Weaving and granting looms and accessories free of cost after completion of course of training.

The amount is immediately necessary for smooth running of the activities under the scheme during 1956-57. Hence the Demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.19,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "43—Industries and Supplies—I—Sericulture and Weaving".

(*After a pause*)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 15

("43.—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries)

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 13,350 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "43.—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	27,46,100
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	28,500
Additional amount now required	13,350

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
NORMAL—							
Development Scheme—(Under-All-India Handicraft Board)							
C-7.—Training Organisation—							
Development of Knitting and Embroidery.	..	..	..	..	13,350	..	13,350
Total	..	..	..	..	13,350	..	13,350

The reason for this Supplementary Demand has been detailed in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Government of India sanctioned a sum of Rs. 13,350 as an outright grant for setting up a Demonstration Centre-*cum*-Training Unit in Knitting Embroidery and Needle work in Assam for the current year. As Government of India's sanction was received late, provision could not be made in the current year's budget. Hence the demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 13,350 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "43—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries."

(*After a pause.*)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.16

"47.—Miscellaneous Departments"

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs. 7,478 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "47.—Miscellaneous Departments."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	11,49,200
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	700
Additional amount now required	7,478

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—

Minor and sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—(*a*)—Labour	4,80,050	..	..	..	5,000	..	5,000
B. (*b*)—Industrial Tribunal under the Industrial Disputes Act.	26,000	..	..	..	1,678	..	1,678
C.—Inspector of Steam Boilers.	65,550	..	700	..	800	..	800
Total ..	..	..	..	..	7,478	..	7,478

B. (*a*)—Rupees 30,000 was provided in the current year's budget in connection with the travelling allowance of officers and members of the tripartite Labour Committee. Out of the said amount a sum of Rs. 28,166-8-0 has already been spent leaving a balance of Rs. 1,834. Considering the number of as many as 20 officers, the balance of Rs.1,834 as travelling allowance appears to be quite inadequate for the remaining 4 months upto 31st March, 1957. A provision of Rs. 5,000 for the current year is therefore necessary for the purpose. Hence the demand.

B. (*b*)—A sum of Rs. 1,678 is to be provided in order to meet the expenditure relating to the office of the Judge, Industrial Tribunal. The details of expenditure are as follows:—

(*a*) Rupees 117 for the annual increments of pay of the Judge.

(*b*) Rupees 32 for the annual increment of pay of the Lower Division Assistant.

(*c*) Rupees 12 for the annual increments of pay of the peons.

(*d*) Rupees 17 as Cost of Living Allowance of the Judge.

(*e*) Rupees 500 as Travelling Allowance of the Judge.

(*f*) Rupees 500 as Travelling Allowance of the establishment.

(*g*) Rupees 500 as contingency.

Total Rs. 1,678

Hence the demand for Rs. 1,678.

C.— A sum of Rs. 7,800 was provided in the current year's budget in connection with Travelling Allowance of the officers. This provision was made on the basis of 1955-56. Sum of Rs. 800 is now to be provided for the purpose. The increase is due to constant touring of officers for efficient administration of the Department which is obligatory under the Act. Hence this demand for Rs. 800.

Mr. **SPEAKER**: Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 7,478, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1957, for the administration of the head "47--Miscellaneous Departments".

(*After a pause.*)

(The motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted).

Supplementary Demand No. 17

"50 Civil Works—excluding Tools and Plant and Establishment."

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 29,09,534 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "50—Civil Works—excluding Tools and Plant and Establishment."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	6,79,82,700
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	45,000
Additional amount now required	29,09,534

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—

Minor and sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
NORMAL—							
A.–Original Works–							
(a) Buildings—							
Charges on account of M. V. T. Acts, etc.	75,000	..	..	..	9,800	..	9,800
General Administration—Voted.	28,22,768	2,15,542	..	..	35,500	10,000	45,500
Police Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	..	12,20,552	12,20,552

Minor and sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Medical—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	..	29,700	29,700
Miscellaneous Department—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	..	33,858	33,858
Total (*a*)	..	..	..	..	45,300	12,94,110	13,39,410
(*b*) Communications—							
Ordinary Roads	50,70,390	4,30,840	..	..	4,65,000	1,37,000	6,02,000
Ordinary Roads—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	1,26,300	64,824	1,91,124
Boat, Bridges and Ferries—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	25,000	..	25,000
Construction of Kamakhya Temple Roads.	..	..	..	..	2,40,000	..	2,00,000
Total (*b*)	..	..	..	..	.. 8,16,300	2,01,824	10,18,124
Total—A	..	..	..	..	.. 8,61,600	14,95,934	23,57,534

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—REPAIRS—							
Communications—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation.	..	..	..	..	..	4,50,000	4,50,000
Total—B ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,50,000	4,50,000
C-STOCK AND OTHER SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS	75,000	1,52,000	..	..	..	1,02,000	1,02,000
GRAND TOTAL	..	..	..	..	8,61,600	20,47,934	29,09,534

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Please *See* explanations at pages '86—97' of Appendix * "A".

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.29,09,534 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1957, for the administration of the head "50—Civil Works—excluding Tools and Plant and Establishment".

(*After a pause*)

The motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted.

* Not printed.

Supplementary Demand No. 18.

("50.—Civil Works—State Tools and Plant and Establishment").

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 12,84,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "50—Civil Works—State Tools and Plant and Establishment."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	73,86,900
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	
Additional amount now required	12,84,000

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—DIRECTION—							
(*b*) Superintending Engineer—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills Operation—							
1. Pay of Officers						3,200	3,200
2. Pay of Establishment.						4,260	4,260
3. Allowances and Honoraria.						4,340	4,340
4. Contingencies						5,360	5,360
Total—A-(*b*)						17,160	17,160

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—CHARGES ON CONSTRUCTION—							
(*a*) Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills operation—							
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	..	..	..	..	..	28,400	28,400
4. Contingencies ..	..	..	..	..	..	64,440	64,400
Total—B-(*a*)..	..	..	..	..	..	92,840	92,840
Total—B-(*b*)—Training of personnel in the Assam Civil Engineering School, Gauhati.	..	..	..	..	..	74,000	74,000
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME—S							
(Second Five Year Plan)—							
E.—6.—Tools and Plant.	50,000	..	..	..	11,00,000	..	11,00,000
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..	11,74,000	1,10,000	12,84,000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

For details please *see* Pages 98-103 of Appendix 'A'*

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 12,84,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1957, for the administration of the head "50.—Civil Works—State Tools and Plant and Establishment".

(*After a pause*)

(The Motion was put and adopted.)

*Appendix not printed.

Supplementary Demand No. 19.

(XLI.—Thermo Electricity Scheme—Electrification of Titabar Working Expenses").

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 5,600, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1957, for the administration of the head "XLI.—Thermo Electricity Scheme—Electrification of Titabar—Working Expenses".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	Nil
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	3,31,949
II.—Additional amount now required	5,600

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
XLI.—Thermo Electricity Scheme—Electrification of Titabor—Working Expenses.							
Pay of Establishment	..	..	..	..	1,790	..	1,790
Allowance and Honoraria.	..	..	..	..	810	..	810
Contingencies ..	..	..	..	..	3,000	..	3,000
Total ..	..	..	..	..	5,600	..	5,600

Sir, the Explanatory Notes below will explain the need for this demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Titabar Electrification Scheme is almost complete and it will start operation very soon. There is no budget provision for this. As such supplementary grant is necessary to meet the operation cost of the station for at least two months during the current financial year.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 5,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "XLI—Thermo Electricity Scheme—Electrification of Titabar".

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted).

Supplementary Demand No. 20

("54.—Famine Relief")

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 21,83,918 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come inthe course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "54.—Famine Relief."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assemhly ...	25,25,000
Additional amount voted by the Assembly during the year.	7,17,390
II.—Additional amount now required	21,83,910

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(*b*) Gratuitous Relief.	5,00,000	45,000	3,00,000	4,17,390	2,00,000	19,83,918	21,83,918

Sir, the Explanatory Notes below will explain the need for this amount.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The amount asked for will be required for rendering relief to the people affected by the flood, erosion, cyclone add fire, etc., of the various Plains Districts of the State.

Sixth Schedule (*Part A Areas*).—The amount of Rs. 15,000 is required for payment of cost for airdropping foodstuff at Wokha for rendering relief to Civilian in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's Budget and the expenditure has been made by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

The amount of Rs.18,35,000 is required for additional grant of relief to the affected families in the Naga Hills due to disturbances there. Out of this total amount, a sum of Rs.13,00,000 for supply of paddy, Rs. 20,000 for salt, Rs.50,000 for Dal, Rs. 65,000 for Milk Powder, Rs. 65,000 for Cloth and yarn, Rs. 1,00,000 for C. I. sheets, Rs.2,00,000 for cash grants and Rs. 35,000 for grant of Miscellaneous relief measures. The entire amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's Budget and hence the Supplementary Demand.

The amount of Rs. 10,000 is required for airdropping foodstuff at Wokha and Zunheboto to render relief to the destitute Naga families, affected by disturbances in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's Budget and the expenditure has been made by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

The amount of Rs. 25,000 is required for purchasing seeds of paddy, potato, maize and other important crops for free distribution to deserving and needy cultivators in the Naga Hills who are unable to procure and pay for the same. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's Budget and the expenditure has been met by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

The amount of Rs. 91,917 is required for purchasing 10,000 blankets from Bangalore and 8,100 blankets from Army for free distribution among the destitute Naga families who have been affected by disturbances in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's Budget and expenditure has been made by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

The amount of Rs. 7,000 is required for payment of freight charges of 10,000 blankets purchased for free distribution amongst the destitute Naga families in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's Budget and the expenditure has been made by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 21,83,918, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "54.—Famine Relief".

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted).

Supplementary Demand No. 21

("56.—Stationery and Printing")

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 2,40,886 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for administration of the head "56.—Stationery and Printing".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	15,34,900
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	2,03,000
Additional amount now required	2,40,886

III.—Sub-head under which the additional amount will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. STATIONERY—							
B.—Stationery Stores Purchase in India—(*ii*)—Other Stores,—Voted.	70,000	1,500	..	..	13,500	..	13,500
C.—Stationery Offices and Stores Shillong and Gauhati Offices—							
1. Pay of Officers ..	2,640	..	..	..	10	..	10
2. Pay of Establishment.	12,300	..	1,820	..	2,430	..	2,430
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	9,300	..	780	..	1,850	..	1,850
4. Contingencies ..	40,000	..	..	..	30,000	..	30,000
II. PRINTING—							
F. Government Press	7,03,800	..	2,00,400	..	1,63,096	..	1,63,096
G.—Printing at Private Preses.	1,80,000	5,000	..	..	30,000	..	30,000
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2,40,886	..	24,886

Sir, the Explanatory Notes below will explain the need of this demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

B.—The amount is urgently necessary to make local purchase of stationery articles in connection with forthcoming General Election as the C. S. O. has failed to arrange supply of some of the articles indented.

C. 1.—The amount is required to meet the expenditure on account of increment of the Superintendent, Stationery Stores, Gauhati for the month of February, 1957.

C. 2 and 3.—The amount is necessary to meet the expenditure on additional staff sanctioned for the Gauhati Stationery Office.

C. 4 —The amount is necessary to meet the expenditure to be incurred for freight, handling and transportation charges of stationery during the remaining months of the year. The original provision is inadequate.

II. F.—A sum of Rs. 38,072 is required for payment of dearness allowance due to increase in carrying of the piece-workers, entertainment of additional staff at Gauhati and Shillong, etc.

A sum of Rs. 61,500 is required for payment of overtime allowance due to heavy rush of priority and other urgent and immediate works.

A sum of Rs. 12,379 is required for payment of cash allowance and winter allowance due to entertainment of officiating hands in cases of leave and promotion, etc.

A sum of Rs. 1,000 is required for payment of honorarium to some employees.

A sum of Rs. 600 is required due to printing of more diagrams and maps in Assam Survey.

A sum of Rs. 25,600 is required for purchase of metal, Backing machine, spare parts of machine, printing wood furniture, Galleys and Chases, Ink Rollers and other furniture.

A sum of Rs. 1,270 is required due to increase of pay, dearness allowance, winter allowance, etc., of contingencies menials.

A sum of Rs. 20,591 is required due to increase in consumption of light powers, freight charges, repairing charges, insurance charges and wiring charges for the new machines.

A sum of Rs. 151 is required for telephone charges.

A sum of Rs. 433 is required due to increase in value of dead stock articles due to arrival of new machines.

A sum of Rs. 1,500 is required for postage and packing charges due to despatch of more schedule form and other publications, Gazettes, Reports, etc.

G.—The amount is required for payment of the outstanding bills of the forms contractor which are in arrears due to delay in receipt of acknowledge vouchers from the indenting officer.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 2,40,886, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "56.—Stationery and Printing".

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted).

Supplementary Demand No. 22.

["57.—Miscellaneous (I.—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus, etc.)"].

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of he Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 3,55,708, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous [I.—Expenditure on account of State Prisioners and Detenus, etc] ".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	12,45,100
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	
Additional amount now required	3,55,708
III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—	

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplemetary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
"Second Five Year Plan—C—Contribution—(2) Miscellaneous—Contribution—							
Establishment of State Homes and District Shelters/Centres."	..	..	..	..	3,55,708	..	3,55,708
Total ..	..	:	..	..	3,55,708	..	3,55,708

Sir, the need for this demand has been fully explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Planning Commission made an allotment of Rs.17·47 lakhs to the State for meeting the State's share on schemes under "After care services and Social and Moral Hygiene Programme" during the current Five Year Plan. Out of the above amount, a scheme for establishment of 3 State Homes and 8 District Centres/Shelters at a cost of Rs. 20·90 lakhs during the 5 year periods of the current plan period was submitted to Government of India. The expenditure will be borne by the Centre and the State on a 50:50 basis. For the current year Rs.4,29 lakhs was proposed to Government of India whereas they have approved of the expenditure of Rs. 3,55,708 which will be shared on a 50:50 basis by the State Government and the Government of India. The entire amount will have to be provided in the current year's State Budget and on receipt of the amount of Rs. 77,854 from Government of India necessary adjustment will be made. As Government of India's approval to the aforesaid schemes have been received very recently necessary provision could not be made earlier. But to start execution of the schemes, provision of the amount of Rs.3,55,708 is to be provided. Hence the demand.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs. 3,55,708, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous (I—Expenditure on account of State Prisioners and Detenus, etc)".

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted).

Supplementary Demand No.23

"57.—Miscellaneous—II.—Donations for Charitable purposes"

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.4,26,716 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—II—Donation for Charitable purposes".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	19,36,800
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year	1,72,666
II.—Additional amount now required	4,26,716

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional Grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—Donation for charitable purposes.	46,000	2,730	..	..	21,300	1,300	22,600
D.—Petty Establishments—							
(a) Circuit and Sessions House.	1,26,000	11,050	..	..	8,300	16,233	24,533
(b) Other Petty Estts.—							
Expendirure in connection with Naga Hills operation.	..	..	..	..	..	48,000	48,000
G.—Rates and Taxes	23,500	1,568	..	..	..	404	404
H.—Contributions—							
(b) Miscellaneous ..	..	..	.	25,000	..	1,64,374	1,64,374

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional Grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Tolal
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
J.—Misc. and Unforeseen charges—							
Misc. charges ..	8,01,200	2,700	74,666	63,000	5,000	8,956	13,956
Do.—10.—Expenditure in connection with Naga Hills operation.	..	..	..	..	..	1,52,849	1,52,849
Total ..	..	..	74,666	88,000	34,600	3,92,116	4,26,716

The need for this amount has been fully explained below in the explanatory notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

B.—The amount is required for burial charges of paupers and also for meeting increased expenditure under diet charges consequent on the increase in the numbers of non-criminal lunatic.

D-(*a*) The sum of Rs.8,300 is required partly for meeting the cost of furniture for the Assam House, Calcutta—the existing furniture in the House being quite insufficient to meet the requirements and partly for meeting the cost of two pairs of new tyres for the Government car in New Delhi and also for purchase of blankets, meeting hire charges of bicycles and pay of additional contingency menials.

The sum of Rs.3,000 is required to provide furniture, carpets, etc., at the D. C.'s residence at Kohima for accommodation of high ranking officials who might visit Kohima at present as there is no other accommodation available for the purpose, the Circuit House being used by the Military authorities. The proposal cropped up only recently and no provision could be made in the current year's budget. The amount had been advanced from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

A sum of Rs.13,233 is also required for providing furniture in the Circuit House at Dimapur which is urgently required for accommodation of the high ranking officials who may visit Dimapur and also for purchase of some new crockeries for Circuit Houses to replace the old ones.

(*b*) Other Petty Estts.—Out of the total amount of Rs.48,000, a sum of Rs.3,000 was required to meet porterage charges for carrying ration, stores, etc., to Hagaichak Border Outpost in North Cachar Nills which was

opened as emergency measure due to the operation in Naga Hills. The expenditure was unforeseen. This additional amount had been provided by taking advance from Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

The balance of Rs.45,000 is necessary due to the fact that the permanent porters have been found insufficient to cope with the work of carrying of Military stores in Naga Hills and a large number of casual porters are being engaged for the purpose. Hence the demand. An amount of Rs.20,000 had been advanced from the Contingency Fund for immediate requirement.

G.—The amount is required to meet expenditure in view of increase in number of Government buildings.

H-(*b*) Out of Rs.1,64,374—(*i*) a sum of Rs.50,000 was required for payment of a grant-in-aid to the Mizo District Council to enable it to make up gap between its inadequate resources and the expenditure necessary to be incurred by it on the maintenance of its administrative machinery essential for the efficient discharge of the functions vested in it. The expenditure being unforeseen, the amount had been sanctioned by taking an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand to regularise the advance.

(*ii*) A sum of Rs.7,847 is required due to the fact that with the taking over of the management of Unclassed State Forests in Mizo District by the Mizo District Council, it has been decided that certain forest departmental buildings be transferred to the said District Council free of cost, as its financial condition is considerably poor. The transfer is to be treated as grant-in-aid to the extent of Rs.7,847 being the value of the buildings. But there is no provision for this purpose in the current year's budget. Hence the demand.

(*iii*) The balance of Rs.7,847 is required due to the fact that during the last Budget Session of the Assembly, a supplementary grant of Rs.1,06,527 was voted by the House for the purpose of giving to the respective District Councils as *ex-gratia* grant-in-aids from the revenues accrueable from elephant hunting operation, a subject which is not within the purview of the District Councils, but the operation of which extend to the forests which, other than Reserve Forests, fall under the purview of the District Councils. The District Councils to which the amount is payable are the North Cachar Hills, Mikir Hills, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills, and Garo Hills. But due to some difficulties from the audit point of view, the payment of the above noted amount could not, however, be effected and so the grant as voted lapsed. Meanwhile, the respective District Councils, being financially deficient, are pressing hard for payment of the grant which has accordingly been done by taking an advance from the contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

J.—Due to the death of Shri Khorsing Terang, an elected member for Constituency No. 11 of the Mikir Hills District Council, a Bye-election was necessary and preliminary had to be done for which there are liabilities of Rs.256 to be liquidated. This sum is recoverable from the Mikir Hills District Council. There is no provision for the purpose in the current year's budget. Hence the Demand.

Due to the death of Late Pu Khaido, an elected member of the Pawi-Lakher Regional Council, a bye-election has become necessary. The finan-

cial condition of the Regional Council being far from satisfactory, a sum of Rs.700 is being sanctioned by Government for meeting necessary expenditure in connection with the proposed bye-election. There is no provision for the purpose to the current year's Budget. Hence the demand.

To remove congestion in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Garo Hills, by providing accommodation to the offices under him, it was decided to purchase the District Fund office building now under the Garo Hills District Council from the said Council at Rs 8,000. The expenditure being unforeseen no provision could be made in the current year's budget. The amount has, therefore, been sanctioned by taking an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand to regularise the advance.

The amount of Rs.7,500 is required for grant of relief to 75 destitute Kachari families who have fallen in distress and have come over to Mikir Hills from Naga Hills District, due to disturbance there. The expenditure being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's budget and the expenditure has been incurred by drawing an advance from the contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

An amount Rs.25,000 was required for paying compensation to the survivors of fifty loyal Naga Gaonburas killed by the gangsters. This additional amount had been provided by taking advance from Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

The amount of Rs.1,00,000 is required for the purpose of relief and rehabilitation of the distressed Naga families who have returned to their respective villages in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen no provision could be made in the current year's budget and the expenditure has been made by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

The amount of Rs.5,500 is required to render relief to the persons injured, and to the families of the persons killed, by Naga Hostiles while fighting against them in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's budget and the expenditure has been made by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

The amount of Rs.2,000 is required for grant of relief to the families of two assistants in the office of the P.E.O., Phek in Naga Hills who were killed by Naga Gangsters. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's budget. Hence the demand.

In view of distrubed Political situation in the Naga Hills, many a Naga boys who lost their parent/g rdian due to hostile action have come to Shillong to continue their studies. Some such helpless boys had to be given subsistence allowance. But the existing provision has already been exhausted to cover the expenditure. The amount of Rs.1,449 was advanced from Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

The amount of Rs.10,000 is required for grant of relief to families of non-officials killed in connection with operation in the Naga Hills. The amount being unforeseen, no provision could be made in the current year's budget and the expenditure has been met by drawing an advance from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

Rupees 1,000 is required for payment of financial relief to Shrimati Khcholi, wife of late Kikhevi Sema, Gram Sevak who was murdered by the Naga extremists and another Rs.400 to one Sri Kamlipong Cheng Ao who was seriously injured by Naga gangsters. The whole amount of Rs.1,400 had been advanced from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand.

Rupees 5,000 (general)—A book entitled "Baudha Dharma Aru Sahitya" compiled by Dr. B. K. Barua has been published in consonance with the recommendation of the Cabinet Sub-Committee to celebrate the 25,000th Budha Jayanti Celebrations and the amount is required to meet the printing charges thereof. Besides, charges for printing of coupons and other expenditure incurred in connection with celebration of Buddha Jayanti on 24th May, 1956 have also to be incurred. This amount was made available by obtaining advance from the Contingency Fund which is now being regularised by Supplementary demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is :

"That an additional amount of Rs.4,26,716, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—II.—Donations for Charitable purposes."

(The Motion is was then put and adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 24

(57.—Miscellaneous—IV—Expenditure on issue of Free Ration and Rice Concession, etc.)

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.1,40,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head

"57.—Miscellaneous—IV—Expenditure on issue of Free Ration and Rice Concession, etc."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	5,05,000
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	30,000
II.—Additional amount now required	1,40,000

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
"57.—Miscellaneous, etc.							
B.—Losses on Supply of Food stuffs and others at Concession Prices.	3,000	4,94,000	30,000	..	..	1,40,000	1,40,000
Total ..	..	..	30,000	..	..	1,40,000	1,40,000

The reason for the demand has been explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The additional demand of Rs.1,40,000 under head "57.—Miscellaneous—IV—Expenditure on issue of Free Ration and Rice Concession, etc., "as subsidy for Supply of foodstuff to Bordering Areas of Garo Hills is necessary in view of rise in price of rice as a result of which need for increase supply in Bordering areas of Garo Hills has become essential with the result that current year's provision has proved inadequate. To meet the demand an advance to the extent of Rs.90,000 was drawn from the State Contingency Fund as sanctioned by Government in the Finance Department. As now proposed by the Deputy Commissioner, Garo Hills the additional demand including Rs.90,000 drawn in advance from the State Contingency Fund as mentioned above has now been submitted.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Motion moved is :

"That an additional amount of Rs.1,40,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—IV—Expenditure on issue of Free Ration and Rice Concession etc."

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is that :

An additional amount of Rs.1,40,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment dnring the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—IV—Expenditure on issue of Free Ration and Rice Concession, etc."

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No. 25

["57.—Miscellanenus—(V—Pooled Transport and Contribution, etc.")]

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.1,06,780, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—(V—Pooled Transport and Contribution, etc."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	1,51,000
Additional amount voted by the Assembly during the year.	3,24,464
II.—Additional amount now required	1,06,780

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—Contribution ..	1,00,000	..	..	..	1,00,000	..	1,00,000
B.—Transport Organisation—							
(*i*) Pooled Transport	49,000	..	3,24,464	..	6,780	..	6,780
Total ..	..	..	3,24,464	..	1,06,780	..	1,06,780

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The Government of India have sanctioned Rs.1·05 lakhs for development of Inland Water Transport in Assam during the Second Five Year Plan under a scheme submitted by the Ganga-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board.

While sanctioning the scheme Government of India have laid down a condition that the State Government should increase their normal contribution to rupees two lakhs in place of one lakh per annum during the Second Five Year Plan. Hence the demand.

B.—(*i*) In view of the present condition in the Naga Hills District and also in the regions bordering Sibsagar, and the Mikir Hills District, it has become necessary to send some Willys jeeps including trailers in connection with publicity works in the Naga Hills. Out of the sixteen Jeeps already purchased in connection with the Naga Hills operation, three Jeeps have been placed for the publicity works. Formal orders for three Jeep's trailers including pintle hooks were placed with the Suppliers concerned at a cost not exceeding Rs.2,260 for each. To meet the immediate requirement the amount has been advanced from the Contingency Fund. The delivery of these trailers has already been effected to by the Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills. In order to regularise the payment made for the cost of the trailers the additional amount of Rs.6,780 is now required. Hence the demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is :

That an additional amount of Rs.1,06,780, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957

for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—(V—Pooled Transport and Contribution, etc.")

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is :

That an additional amount of Rs.1,06,780, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—(V—Pooled Transport and Contribution, etc.)"

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementray Demand No.26

("57—Miscellaneous—VIII.—Scheme of Control of Cloth and Yarn")

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an Additional amount of Rs.5,777, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous—VIII —Scheme of Control of Cloth and Yarn".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	1,12,000
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year	..
II.—Additional amonut now required	5,777

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		Total
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs;	Rs.
(*a*) Direction	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Contingencies ..	2,600	..	..	..	1,777	..	1,777
(*b*) District Establishment							
2. pay of Establishment..	30,700	7.839	..	..	1,000	..	1,000
3. Allowances and Honoraria.	19,500	6,678	..	..	1,200	..	1,200
4. Contingencies ..	4,800	1,000	..	..	1,800	..	1,800
Total ..	..	..	..	..	5,777	..	5,777

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(*a*) *Direction 4.—Contingencies—*

An additional amount of Rs.1,777 is required to make payment of Lawyer's fees to District Government Counsel, Agra for conducting a Civil Suit No. 210. The above expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of making original provision, hence the demand.

(*b*)—*District Establishment*—

2 and 3.—In view of continuance of the Licensing and the Control Order, etc., without any relaxation, an additional amount of Rs.2,200 is required to meet the expenditure for maintaining the existing staff, as the budget provision proved in-adequate.

4.—An additional amount of Rs.1,800 will be required to make payment of arrear godown rent. The amount could not be paid in time as the owner filed a suit and refused to accept the amount.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.5,777, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57—Miscellaneous—VIII.—Scheme of Control of Cloth and Yarn".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is:

That an additional amount of Rs.5,777, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "57—Miscellaneous—VIII.—Scheme of Control of Cloth and Yarn".

(The Motion was carried.)

Supplementary Demand No.27

("63-B.—Community Development Projects, National Extension Service and Local Development Works")

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.6,92,200, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head

"63-B.—Community Development Projects, National Extension Service and Local Development Works".

		Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	1,55,37,200
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.		81,250
Additional amount now required	.. ..	6,92,200

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—Community Development Projects—							
(Six special multi-purpose Blocks—1956-57).							
Project/Block Head-quarters.	19,96,110	5,11,780	..	..	..	1,59,700	1,59,700
Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Extension.	7,27,800	1,62,440	..	..	..	82,500	82,500
Reclamation	4,69,000	1,43,000	..	..	..	35,000	35,000
Health and Rural Sanitation.	7,01,200	1,53,980	47,210	34,040	..	35,000	35,000
Education	3,23,000	1,25,440	..	..	..	17,500	17,500
Social Education ..	2,59,700	79,070	..	..	..	32,500	32,500
Communication ..	10,96,570	4,17,590	..	..	..	1,61,000	1,61,000
Rural Arts, Crafts and Industries.	6,32,300	1,45,020	..	..	..	12,000	12,000
Housing	1,11,000	35,500	..	..	..	1,57,000	1,57,000
Total	..	..	47,210	34,040	..	6,92,200	6,92,200

EXPLANATORY NOTES

At the instance of the Government of India, six special multi-purpose blocks have been taken up in autonomous districts, with effect from 2nd October, 1956. As Government of India's decision was received only this year, no provision could be made for the purpose in the budget for the current financial year and an amount of Rs.6,92,200 was advanced from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand. The details may be seen at Appendix *"A" at pages 104-110.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is :

That an additional amount of Rs. 6,92,200, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "63-B.—Community Development Projects, National Extension Service and Local Development Works".

There is no Cut Motion.

(The Motion was then put and adopted).

Supplementary Demand No. 28

("72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development")

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.5,70,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ..	1,14,98,000
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	Nil
Additional amount now required	5,70,000

*Appendix not printed.

II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for :—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
NORMAL—					
F.6—Development of Cottage Industries—					
(a) Industrial Estate—					
Pay of Officers	..	..	3,600	..	3,600
Allowances and Honoraria	..	..	1,000	..	1,000
Buildings	..	..	1,70,000	..	1,70,000
Land	..	..	2,95,400	..	2,95,400
Water supply	..	..	1,00,000	..	1,00,000
Total ..	..	..	5,70,000	..	5,70,000

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Notes fully.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

It has been decided to implement the scheme for "Establishment of an Industrial Estate" at Gauhati during the current year. Expenditure involved on the entire scheme will be financed out of loan to be received from Government of India. Government of India have sanctioned a grant of loan of Rs.5,70,000 being current year's requirement in connection with the scheme. The amount is proposed to be utilised during the current year for land, buildings, etc. As the scheme has been evolved recently no regular provision could be made in the original budget. Supplementary Demand is therefore necessary in order to meet the current year's expenditure already sanctioned by Government of India. For further details please *see* Appendix *"A" at pages 113-114.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is :

"That an additional amount of Rs.5,70,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development".

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Sir, I am not moving the Cut Motion.

*Appendix not printed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that an additional amount of Rs.5,70,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development".

(The Motion was carried)

Supplementary Demand No.29

("81.—Capital Accounts of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account")

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.3,80,294, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "81.—Capital Accounts of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	3,02,49,000
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	...
Additional amount now required	3,80,294

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Development Schemes Second (Five-Year Plan)—							
A.6.—Original Works—							
(*a*) Buildings—							
1. Medical	44,10,000	..	..	..	2,30,294	..	2,30,294
(*b*) Communications—							
Shella-Shillong Rope-way	..	..	..	..	1,50,000	..	1,50,000
Total ..	..	..	..	..	3,80,294	..	3,80,294

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A—6(*a*) For details please *see* pages 111-112 of Appendix 'A'.*

(*b*) The Planning Commission have accorded their approval in principle to the "Rope-way" project from Shella to Shillong and have asked the State Government to prepare a revised estimate of the project before entering into any commitments. For preparation of the photo mossaics enlargement of existing topographical Survey-maps and aerial photography of the alignment, an expenditure of Rs.1,50,000 is necessary during the current financial year. Hence the demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is:

"That an additional amount of Rs.3,80,294 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head '81.—Capital Accounts of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account'.

There is no Cut Motion

The question is:

"That an additional amount of Rs.3,80,294, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "81.—Capital Accounts of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account".

(The Motion was adopted)

Supplementary Demand No. 30

("81-A.—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes")

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.11,72,347, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "81-A.—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes".

	Rs.
I. Grant originaliy voted by the Assembly	87,98,800
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	...
II. Additional amount now required	11,72,347

*Appendix not printed.

III. Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	General originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
81-A.—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes—II.—Theremo-Electric Schemes—							
1. Electrification of Golaghat—A. Works.	..	..	..	..	2,44,226	..	2,44,226
2. Electrification of Dergaon—A. Works.	..	..	..	..	1,51,798	..	1,51,798
3. Electrification of Nalbari—A. Works.	..	..	..	..	1,69,439	..	1,69,439
4. Electrification of Mangaldoi—A. Works.	..	..	..	..	1,62,818	..	1,62,818
5. Electrification of Goalpara—A. Works.	..	..	..	..	1,47,132	..	1,47,132
6. Electrification of Titabar—A. Works.	..	..	..	..	1,98,592	..	1,98,592
7. Electrification of Sualkuchi—A. Works.	12,000	..	..	..	98,342	..	98,342
Total ...	..	..	..	..	11,72,347	..	11,72,347

The need for the demand has been explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

During the year 1955-56 it was decided to implement the execution of schemes for providing electrical power facilities to certain Rural and Urban Areas at an estimated cost of Rs.17,34,110. But the schemes could not be implemented due to non-receipt of machinery and materials in time. At the time when machinery and materials arrived, there was no time to make any regular provision in the original budget. As the necessary cost will have to be borne in connection with the schemes during the current year for completion of the incomplete works, Suplementary Demand is therefore necessary.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.11,72,347 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "81.—A. Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes"

(There is no Cut Motion)

The question is that an additional amount of Rs.11,72,347 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "81-A.—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes".

(The Motion was adopted.)

Supplementary Demand No.31

("85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading").

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.10,56,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	61,09,000
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	17,80,000
Additional amount now required	10,56,900

III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-head	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additinnal amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	General	Sixth Schedule Areas	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A. Grain Storage Scheme—							
Section I—							
Expenditure on Directorate Establishment and Contingency, etc.	4,55,933	3,567	..	..	3,83,000	..	3,83,000
Section II—							
Expenditure on Directorate Establishment, allowaance. and Contingency, etc.	8,93,703	40,097	75,000	5,000	6,71,900	2,000	6,73,900
G—Umtru Hydro Electric Project—cost of equipments and materials received under Colombo Plan.	..	..	17,00,000	..	..	..	..
Total			17,75,000	5,000	10,54,900	2,000	10,56,900
Recoveries—							
Section I—							
Deduct—Sale proceeds of Foodstuffs.	(—)14,45,000	..	..	...	(—)4,350	..	(—)4,350
Section II—							
Deduct—Receipt and Recoveries.	(—)20,75,000		(—)47,000	...	(—)6,75,650	..	(—)6,75,650
Deduct—Amount of value of materials under Colombo Plan utilised for works.	..	...	(—)17,00,000	..	..	..	..
Total					(—)6,80,000	..	(—)6,80,000

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The additional amount of Rs.3,83,000 under Section I is necessary for meeting the expenditure under the following detailed heads:—

	Rs.
1. Purchase of foodstuffs from outside	3,50,000
2. Miscellaneous Contingencies	33,000
Total ..	3,83,000

The amount shown in item (1) above is necessary for (*a*) a sum of Rs.2,16,800 to be refunded to the Government of India on account of value of whole wheat which could not be adjusted last year for want of Accountant General's audit certificate, the balance represents the value of whole wheat supplied to this State by the Government of India during the period from 1948 to 1953 for which debits were not received till last financial year. In this connection it may be mentioned that the wheat consignments in question have already been disposed of during past years and sale proceeds thereof to the extent of about a sum of Rs.24,50,000 also credited into this State Government account. No provision was made in current years Budget for the purpose as it was anticipated that debits would be raised by Government of India last year and adjustment would be carried out within 31st March, 1956.

(2) A sum of Rs.6,000 is required for refund the value of Sugar and Wheat products due to reduction in price in 1952-53 and also for payment of pre-partition claim of Shri Gangadhar Tushnial of Sylhet.

Apart from this payment to the extent of Rs.1,77,505 to the Defunct Agencies *viz*: M/s. N. A. V. S. S., M/s. A. V. S. S., M/s. S. V. S. A., and M/s. A. M. A. in settlement of the pending claims will also have to be made after finalisation of their accounts. Besides this, Government sanction to the payment of a sum of Rs.13,400 to the different distributing agents of imported foodstuffs in settlement of their claims on account of Godown rent, price of deteriorated atta, etc., has already been received. Another sum of Rs.11,600 is required to meet the Office contingencies of the Supply Directorate. Thus a total sum of Rs.2,08,000 against the existing Budget provision of Rs.1,75,000 is required to meet the above expenditure during the current year. Hence the additional demand of Rs.33,000.

The additional amount of Rs.6,73,900 under Section II is necessary under the following detailed heads:—

Pay of Establishment

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas
	Rs.	Rs.
(*i*) Pay of Field Staff	34,100	2,000
(*ii*) Pay of Ministerial Staff	11,400	..
Total ...	45,500	2,000

Contingencies—	Rs.	Rs.
(*iii*) Purchase of Rice/Paddy	5,00,000	...
(*iv*) Purchase of bags	90,000	..
(*v*) Freight	22,000	...
(*vi*) Godown Rent	9,000	..
(*vii*) Works	5,400	..
Total ...	6,71,900	2,000

1. *Payment of Field Staff.*—In view of recent appointments of a number of Sub-Inspectors, Assistant Sub-Inspectors, Checkers in connection with Rice Control in bordering areas of the State and for meeting the arrear pay of Rice Control Staff in Cachar the additional amount will be necessary. The arrear claim could not be taken into account while framing the Budget Estimate as the scrutiny of the claims could not be taken up earlier.

2. *Pay of Ministerial Staff.*—In the Budget Estimate submitted in the year 1955 a provision of Rs.1,50,000 was made for the purpose against which a sum of Rs.1,00,000 was voted for the current year presumably on the consideration that there would be substantial retrenchment. But as a matter of fact reduction in the strength has not effected as was anticipated. Besides this, some demand for the purpose as a result of revision of pay according to Pay Committee's recommendation are also expedited during the current year. Hence the demand.

3. *Purchase of Rice/Paddy.*—Owing to rise in price af rice/paddy and consequent decision of Government to open Fair Price Shops in different places as well as commitments of suppliers to Naga Hills from Gauhati and Nowgong it has not been possible to limit the expenditure within the Budget provision. Apart from this, a quantity of 40,000 maunds of rice is being imported from Manipur in which connection expenditure in the shape of value freight, commissions, etc., will have to be borne initially by this Government. In this connection, it may however be mentioned that value of 30,000 maunds is recoverable from the whole-sellers in advance and a good portion of the amount has already been realised. As for freight, Commissions, etc., it may be mentioned that though the expenditure is to be initially borne by this Government the entire expenditure will ultimately be re-imbursed by Government of India. These expenditure could not be foreseen while submitting the Budget. Hence the demand.

4. *Purchase of bags.*—The additional demand is due to payment of Sales-Tax on gunnies relating to previous years which could not be accounted for while submitting the Budget Estimate as the same was not assessed earlier by the Sales-Tax Department. Hence the demand.

5. *Freight.*—This additional amount is required to meet arrear freight charges of Steamer Company at Tezpur. These could not be included in the Budget Estimate last year as particular were not received. Hence the demand.

6. *Godown rent.*—For storage of rice in different stations for distribution through fair price shops hired godowns are being retained which involved the additional expenditure in the shape of godown rent. Moreover, Godowns hired in connection with storage of Central Government Sugar at Gauhati have not also been released as yet for which godown rent will have to be paid till stocks is exhausted.

7. *Works.*—The Budget provision for the current year is Rs.40,000 which has been allotted to the Public Works Department in connection with maintenance of Government Godowns according to the demand submitted by the Public Works Department. Recently further demand for Rs.5,400 has been received for major repairing of Silchar and Karimganj Government Godowns which have been badly damaged by storm and flood water, which is unforeseen. Hence the demand.

Deduct.—Receipts and Recoveries under Sections I and II.

A sum of Rs.4,350 under Section I is expected to be recovered from M/s.Assam Mercantile Agency in settlement of Government counter-claim against them.

Under Section II.—There is a Budget provision of Rs.(—)21,22,000 includings Supplementary demand in the last session of Assembly Rs.(—)47,000 against which total expected recoveries is Rs.(—)2,79,700. The increase is due to recoveries on account of Manipur Rice as well as sale of rice at Shillong through Fair Price Shops. Recovery on account of rice supplied to Police Personnel at Naga Hills is also a contributory factor for increase in the estimate.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.10,56,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading".

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: I beg to move, Sir, that the provision of Rs.10,56,900 under Supplementary Demand No.31, Major head—85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading at page 70 of the list of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.10,56,900 do stand reduced by Re.1.

The object of my moving this Cut Motion is to criticise the selling of inedible rice through "Fair Price Shops."

Yesterday, Sir, our Finance Minister had taken credit that Government has started hundreds and thousands of Cheap Grain Shops whenever we are in great distress and I have seen personally some of these Cheap Grain Shops particularly within the town of Gauhati and being a member of the Supply Advisory Board, I also had occasion to go into

some details with regard to this matter. I hope the Minister concerned has received a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup which was written after consultation with the Supply Advisory Board in the matter of the quality of rice which was supplied through these Fair Price Shops. Now, in spite of the fact that there has been great improvement in the agricultural production in the State, in spite also of the fact that our State is said to be a surplus area in rice, during the last few months several towns, including, of course, Gauhati, had faced great difficulty in the matter of supply of rice and there was very high price prevailing there and at that time it was thought proper that some rice should be supplied at concessional rates through some Shops. All that rice was known as Burma rice. It was the rice which was re-exported from Rajasthan and Hyderabad to Assam because this Burma rice was of such a quality that even these State of Rajasthan and Hyderabad who were not so famous in production of rice thought it unacceptable. This rice which was not accepted by these States got a good welcome from the Government of Assam and this rice came to Gauhati. Now this rice was being sold to the poorer section of the people who with great hope went to the Fair Price Shops, purchased the rice and when they boiled it they found such an odour that they had to come out of the kitchen even.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Bhattacharyya, you cannot use gloves inside the House.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: I am sorry, Sir, but it is very cold and I am not very well especially after taking that rice. But not to speak of myself, even my cow died.

Mr. SPEAKER: As a special permission, you can go on, and that is for to-day only.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): On a point of information, Sir, is this a general discussion on a particular amount on which this point has been raised ? So far as the Burma rice is concerned, the rice does not belong to this State. The State has not spent a single pie on this. The rice is a Central stock and therefore, it should not come in this House. The amount moved for is for the Manipur rice. If the hon. Member has got to say anything about that which we are concerned, or for which we are spending money, that is a relevant point.

Mr. SPEAKER : You should have raised that point earlier.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) : I thought it is relevant, but when I find it is not, I raised the objection.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Bhattacharyya, I think you will confine to the Manipur rice.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: I am sorry, Sir, I have crossed the border though Manipur and Burma have a common border.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): My Friend knows something of this matter being a Member of the Supply Advisory Board.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : I plead my colossal ignorance about the action of the Government. But the point is whether it is a Burma rice or Manipur rice, the rice was supplied by this Government under the guidance of that Hon'ble Minister. The people found this rice not only inedible for human purposes, but even for the purpose of beasts. And this Government takes pride in supplying that type of rice. The Minister knows that people are killed by administering poison with that type of rice and this is exactly what is being done through such Fair Price Shops. And my grievance is that the Government should purchase good rice and supply it to the people and if they could not, they should follow the policy of *laissez faire*. This is also a grievance which came from the different parts of the State including Gauhati.

Mr. SPEAKER : Cut Motion moved is that the provision of Rs. 10,56,900 under Supplementary Demand No. 31, Major head—85.-A—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading, at page 70 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i.e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.10,56,900 do stand reduced by Re.1.

***Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have already intervened in the statement made by my hon. Friend that the rice that was supplied through the Fair Price Shops was inedible is entirely incorrect. The fact is that there was no restriction in the movement of rice. Therefore, a large quantity of Assam rice and paddy went out of the State. The statement made by my Friend, the Finance Minister, yesterday was absolutely correct if we look into the export figures of our State during the past two years

*Speech not corrected.

which would, without doubt, prove that we were surplus so far as rice was concerned. Sir, as a matter of fact when the control of rice and paddy was removed, we had to sell by auction huge quantities of paddy. Sir, there was no restriction and there was a free flow from this State. A situation came when we could not meet our requirement. That was not only due to the shortage of stock but it was also due to some handiwork of some traders, who, in the meantime, taking advantage of the situation, increased the prices. Naturally, the State Government had to come to the rescue of their people. The only course open to them was to approach the Central Government to make arrangement that whenever necessary we would be given the required quantity of rice. The arrangement was that Government will have to incur nothing in that deal, but we would give them our godowns, and the Central Government's stock will be kept there to be given to the nominees of this State by the employees of the Central Government according to the demand of the Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers. Now, Sir, it is also a fact that a certain quantity of rice smelled badly and the reason that was given to us was that due to the use of gamaxine to prevent it from decaying. Hence this smell.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think this small can be got rid of by keeping the rice with salt and water for an hour.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): Yes, Sir. However, the smell was there and the fact was brought to our notice and the issue of rice was stopped. We did not depute any officer to look into the matter because that was not our lookout. The Central Government were keeping their store here and whatever was found unfit for human consumption, the issue was at once stopped. As a matter of fact, nothing was unfit for human consumption, but when our people did not like it, we had to stop issue of rice not only at Gauhati but also in different places. A complaint was made of this type of rice being brought in our State. Now, the rice which is given is being consumed by our people. To accuse that Government had certain interest in the matter and that they were keeping bad stocks and so on, and to pass such insinuations on Government is not befitting of an hon. Member. Sir, my Friend was taking advantage that he, being a member of the Supply Advisory Board, knows the ins and outs of things and takes interest in this matter. He mentioned to me a letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, but, as a matter of fact, when the letter reached me, I was not satisfied with the reports of the officers. I collected certain samples and sent

them to the Minister-in-charge of the Food and Supply Department of the Government of India through my hon. Friend, the Finance Minister, who went to Delhi at that time. All this is to show that the quality of rice was not liked by our people and the rice that should be stocked should be first acceptable to them. On examination it was found, as you have stated, Sir, that the bad smell was due to the use of that particular medicine. Why one should take the botheration of boiling it when we do not know that by keeping it in hot water the bad smell will disappear ? If it was not fit for human consumption in that respect only and one who takes it would die, then I do not know. My Friend is clever enough to say that people die inch by inch (*Laughter*).

Now, Sir, this rice was issued to the Fair Price shops fixed by us, and the Deputy Commissioner was instructed to see that the people get it and traders should not stock this rice at the cost of these poor consumers. In any case, the issue of this rice was stopped. Sir, about 12,991 tons of this rice have been stopped being issued to the people. Sir, when my Friend, I mean the Communist Friend, cries for the lot of the poor people of the country that they have not got rice to eat, but still he can afford rice to his cow (Maulavi Md. Ummaruddin—May be, he experimented on the cow) (*Laughter*). That shows that my Friend is very heartless to his own cow. However, I hope, after I have given the clarification in this matter, my Friend will withdraw his Cut Motion.

(The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.)

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is:

That an additional amount of Rs. 10,56,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading".

(The Motion was adopted).

Supplementary Demand No.32

("Loan and Advances")

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	6,67,64,700
Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	4,50,000
II.—Additional amount now required	300

III.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for—

Minor and Sub-heads	Grant originally voted by the Assembly		Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year		Additional amount now required		
	General	Sixth Schedule	General	Sixth Schedule	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
II.—Loans and Advances by the State Government—							
B.—Loans to Local Funds, Private Parties, etc.—							
1. Loans to Autonomous District and Regional Councils.	..	..	..	..	..	200	200
2. Miscellaneous Loan and Advances.	16,00,000	..	..	2,00,000	100	..	100
Total ..	..	..	..	..	100	200	300

The explanatary note below explains the need of the amount.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Rupees one lakh was required for payment of loans to the Mizo District Council (Rs. 50,000) and the Mikir Hills District Council (Rs.50,000) to enable them to make up the gap between their inadequate resources and the expenditure necessary to be incurred by them on the maintenance of their administrative machineries essential for the efficient discharge of the functions vested in them. The loans are interest free and recoverable in five equal consecutive annual instalments commencing one year after the payment of the loans. The expenditure being unforeseen, the whole amount (Rs. 1,00,000) had been advanced from the Contingency Fund. Token Supplementary Demands, Rs. 100 for each the two District Councils, are, therefore necessary to regularise the advances. The balance of Rs. 99,800 is being provided by re-appropriation separately.

2. A sum of Rs. 1,000 was required for payment of an educational loan to one Lecturer of the Cotton College, Gauhati for meeting the passage expenses to United Kingdom in connection with his higher studies in Nuclear Physics. The original provision in the current year's budget has been exhausted and as such the sum (Rs.1,000) has been advanced from the Contingency Fund. A token Supplementary Demand of Rs.100 is, therefore, required to regularise the advance. The balance of Rs.900 is being provided by re-appropriation separately.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is:

That an additional amount of Rs.300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is: That an additional amount of Rs.300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during ending 31st March, 1957 for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances".

(The Motion was adopted).

Discussion on Demands for Excess Grants for 1951-52

Mr. SPEAKER: The next item is "Discussion, if any, of Demands for excess expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1951-52."

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we now have Demands for excess expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1951-52 and Voting on Demands for excess grants and appropriation for 1951-52.

I do not propose to deal separately all these things. I beg to make a few general observations on these items.

Now in the Supplementary Memoranda that have been furnished to us it has been stated that according to the provision of the Constitution of India in Article 205 (I) these have become necessary. This Article *inter alia* says that "the Governor shall (*b*) if any money has been spent on any service during a financial year in excess of the amount granted for that service and for that year, cause to be laid before the House or the Houses of the Legislature of the State another statement showing the estimated amount of that expenditure or cause to be presented to the Legislative Assembly of the State a demand for such excess, as the case may be."

Now in this case it has been presented before the House according to Article 205 (I) of the Constitution of India.

The rules of the Assam Legislative Assembly also make provision in Article 125 that a demand for such excess should be presented before the House. I have, therefore, no objection to these things. But in the explanatory notes itself it has been stated that these things have become necessary on account of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee for regularisation of these things. In other words, certain expenditures were irregularly incurred and certain expenditures were made for which there was no provision in the Budget and there was also no Supplementary Demand. Therefore, this irregularity has now to be regularised when the expenditure was incurred as back as 1951-52, *i.e.*, five years ago. To-day when we are to discuss these things then it is a post-mortem examination of a rotten cow. I am not saying so as a medical man. But any medical expert will say so when he is to examine a dead body after five years which had been clearly decomposed. Now the position in this case is also similar. The provision in the Budget Manual says that there are several ways and means of getting grants by way of general budget, supplementary demand and also through Resolutions. But when there is some excess there is provision in Article 205 that if any expenditure is found to be excess in any previous year the statement of such excess expenditure will be prepared by the Finance Department on receipt of the report from the Public Accounts Committee to be laid before the Legislature.

Now, Sir, in the past we made criticism about the delay of such excess expenditure in the report and placing of the accounts before the Public Accounts Committee, and for that very reason this delay makes almost infructuous. To-day we find the similar things through these booklets, because you will see that while the rules of the Assembly and also the provisions of the Constitution permit that such things should be set apart we were to rush through so many things. To-day we shall have to deal with certain resolutions for adjustment of accounts and re-appropriation of amounts. We have had to agree because these things have come up all on a sudden. I think the Finance Minister will agree that these things were supplied to us only a few days ago. Within a short space of time we were to make a detailed and proper study on these things which have been placed before us. As a matter of fact, we are not prepared to make a detailed and thorough examination of these things. It is for the Government to consider whether we would be able to examine in detail and make accurate observation and offer criticism. Therefore, at this stage I want to make this submission that henceforward if this sort of items are brought before the House they should be brought as early as possible, otherwise it will not be possible on our part to make a thorough study of the matter or for the House it will not be possible to make a proper study. So, Sir, with this general observation just at the present I do not want to make any more suggestion on the matters that are placed before the House.

(At this stage Mr. Speaker left the Chamber and the Deputy Speaker presided.)

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (**Minister**) : Sir, I am quite in agreement with certain observation made by my hon. Friend Shri Bhattacharyya. Some of the Departments of the Government made certain extra expenditure some years ago and and those extra expenditure incurred about 4 or 5 years ago were detected by the Audit only recently. To regularise the extra expenditure incurred by the Departments, the Government has no alteration but to come before this House for sanction. The Departments concerned had no *malafide* intention to incur the extra expenditure and at the same time it was not due to the dishonest action on the part of the officers. It was actually a *bonafide* mistake committed by the officers and irregularly incurred certain extra expenditure in the interest of the State. And we want to regularise them now and that is why I have come before the House to regularise the extra expenditure irregularly incurred by some of our Departments. Where there is any

dishonesty or *malafide* on the part of the department which incur the expenditure, we take appropriate steps. But when I was satisfied that this expenditure was incurred in the interest of the State, but only that the expenditure was not regularly incurred and it was not sanctioned by the House, the only alternative left to us is to come before the House with a motion to regularise the expenditure. The delay is due to the fact that it came to our notice after the Audit has detected the irregularity, and they took quite a long time to do so. Audits were completed only a year back. When these irregularities were detected, we consulted the various sources, other State Governments and the Government of India also as to the manner in which they regularise such irregular expenditure. And ultimately we have decided to adopt this course, a course which under similar circumstances, is adopted by other State Governments as well as by the Government of India. If the House now decide to give sanction to this expenditure, then it will be regularised. And again if the House do not see their way to sanction this expenditure, then, of course, that will be a different thing. But so far as I can see, the amount is not very big and the expenditure incurred on this account was only in the interest of the State, and the delay is due to the fact that we carried on correspondence with other States and the Government of India and also it was detected 3 or 4 years after actually incurring the expenditure. Sufficient notice has been given to the hon. Members of the House, because printed books were sent to them in time, and I think it does not take much time to study these things as they got about 7 days notice.

With these observations, Sir, I request you to come to the next item.

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA: Hon'ble Finance Minister has stated that the amount involved are very small. But I find, Sir.....

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Not all the amounts, Sir.

Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA: I wish to draw the attention of the House to one item. As regards 1951-52 at page 6 we find that the grant finally voted was Rs.300 and the excess expenditure for which sanction is required now is Rs.42 lakhs 68 thousand and 970. And again as regards 1952-53 at page 5 we find that the amount originally voted by the Assembly was Rs.11,31,391 whereas the excess expenditure

for which sanction is now required stands at Rs.1,94,28,986 (Rupees one crore, ninety-four lakhs, twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred eighty-six).

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): I was only speaking of the small amount of Rs.3 under serial No.5 for which sanction of the House was delayed for delay in detection by the Audit and consequent delay in bringing before the House for obtain ing sanction. That amount is only very small.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN: Sir, I want to speak a few words in this connection. From what the Hon'ble Finance Minister has stated it appears that these cases of expenditure occurred not merely for genuine oversight work due to irregular and defective accounting. It appears therefore that the departments concerned did not exercise proper vigilance while incurring the expenditure. I hope the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge will see that this kind of defects are removed in future and proper and correct accounts procedure is followed.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): That is always done, Sir.

Voting on Demands for Excess Grants for 1951-52

No.1

Grant No.4

("9.—Stamps")

Shri A. ALLEY (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.28,399, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure during the year ending on 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	75,700
2. Excess amount now required	28,399

Sir, the Explanatory Note below explains the necessity for this amount.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The excess is due to growing demands for Stamps by the litigant public during the later part of the year which could not be anticipated beforehand. Besides, payment of discount for Stamps was allowed at a higher rate owing to the enhanced rate of Stamp Duties consequent upon the Amendment of Stamps and Court Fees Act, 1950.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.28,399 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

There is no Cut Motion.

(The Motion was then put in the form of a question and was adopted).

No.2

Grant No.5

("10.—Forests")

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.3,29,813 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "10.—Forests".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	44,45,024
2. Excess amount now required	3,29,813

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Sleepers and other timber are supplied to Government of India and others by the Forest Utilisation Officer. The price of these materials are charged in the accounts under the head "A. IX.—Suspense" which is subsequently cleared by recovery of the amounts due from the parties to whom supplies are made.

During the year 1951-52 such supplies were made but recovery of the charges for the materials supplied could not be affected as the receipted bills were not received back from the parties concerned before the close of the financial year. Hence the excess.

It may be stated that this has no net financial effect on the revenue of the State as the excess expenditure actually incurred in 1951-52 was counterbalanced by equivalent receipt in the following year.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.3,29,813 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "10.—Forests".

(The Motion was put in the form of a question and was adopted).

No.3

Grant No.9
("18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainge Works")

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.6,99,203 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	21,07,300
2. Excess amount now required	6,99,203

Sir, the necessity of this extra expenditure has been fully explained in the Explanatory Note given below. In fact there was no adverse effect on the revenue of the State as a whole, but it only involves transfer of Heads from one to the other.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Prior to the year 1953-54 the incidence of cost on Grow More-Food Schemes was borne by the State Government and Government of India in the ratio of 1:2 In order to exhibit the share of expenditure to be borne by the Government of India, a recovery sub-head was opened under the head "Deduct—Receipts and Recoveries" Subordinate to the Major head "68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works", etc. and a *minus* provision was made accordingly to reduce the gross expenditure by the Government of India's share of the expenditure. Long after the above procedure was adopted and the Budget framed accordingly, this (procedure) was not found regular. Therefore, the Government of India's share was in fact credited to a different head and hence there was no corresponding *minus* expenditure shown under the above head of account. This resulted in excess on the net expenditure under the Grant.

However, as the receipts on account of Grow More-Food Schemes representing the share borne by Government of India were adjusted under the Receipt head of the Government, *viz.*, "XXXIX—Agriculture", there was no adverse effect on the revenue of the State as a whole.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.6,99,203 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

(The Motion was put in the form of question and was adopted)

No.4

GRANT No.10

("25—General Administration")

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.14,59,691, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	71,55,661
2. Excess amount now required	14,59,691

Sir, there is no financial effect on the revenue of the State. As it is known to the hon. Members that fifty per cent of the expenditure in connection with last General Elections was recoverable from the Government of India. Accordingly an amount of Rs.14,29,629 being the half of the share of the anticipated expenditure was shown as reduction of expenditure during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1952 and intimated to the Government of India but as the full amount of contribution to be paid by India was not received within that financial year, there has been an excess of Rs.9,98,870 on this account for that financial year. This amount has subsequently been recovered from the Government of India. So far as this State is concerned, there is no financial effect. I hope in view of this the House will pass this.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Out of the total excess expenditure of Rs.14,59,691 during the year 1951-52 under the head "25.—General Administration", Rs.9,98,870 relates to Elections.

Fifty per cent of the expenditure in connection with last General Elections was recoverable from the Government of India. Accordingly an amount of Rs.14,29,629 being the half of the share of the anticipated expenditure was shown as reduction of expenditure during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1952 and intimated to the Government of India but a the full amount of contribution to be paid by India was not received within that financial year, there has been an excess of Rs.9,98,870 on this amount for that financial year.

This has no ultimate financial effect on the revenue of the State as the excess incurred during that financial year was made good by adjustment in subsequent years.

The balance of the excess is mainly due to non-reimbursement of Union Government's share on account of certain expenditure for the Relief and Rehabilitation Department within the year, increased expenditure by the High Commissioner for India and small excesses under some other sub-heads.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.14,59,691 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration."

There is no Cut Motion.

(The Motion was put as a question and was adopted.)

No.5

GRANT No.14

("3—Port and Pilotage")

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.3 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure during the year ending 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "30—Ports and Pilotage".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	5,410
2. Excess amount now required	3

Sir, the need for the excess grant is fully explained. This amount is required to meet the excess amount of Rs.3 for Bank Commission.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A sum of Rs.5,410 was sent to the Steamer Company as pilotage subsidy in the form of a Bank Draft. The excess amount of Rs.3 represents Bankers' Commission. And hence the excess amount is to be covered by a Supplementary grant.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.3 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure during the year ending on 31st March 1952 for the administration of the head "30—Ports and Pilotage".

(The Motion was put as question and it was adopted.)

No.6

GRANT No.21-A

("42.—Co-operation—II—Rural Development")

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.32,520 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "42—Co-operation—II —Rural Development".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	24,49,928
2. Excess amount now required	32,520

Sir, the need for the excess demand is fully explained in the Explanatory Notes below. The excess is due to the excess drawal of an amount of Rs.77,828 by a disbursing officer for development scheme in the Naga Hills for which a sum of Rs.10 lakhs was sanctioned by Government of India and obtained by Tribal Areas Department and provided in Rural Development budget. The final excess was however counter-balanced by small savings under various other sub-heads reducing it to Rs.32,520.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess is due to the excess drawal of an amount of Rs.77,828 by a disbursing officer for development scheme in Naga Hills for which a sum of R.s10 lakhs was sanctioned by Government of India and obtained by T.A.D. and provided in R. D. budget. The final excess was however counter-balanced by small savings under various other sub-heads, reducing it to Rs.32,520.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.32,520 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1952 for the administration of the head "42—Co-operation—II—Rural Development".

(The Motion was put as question and was adopted.)

No.7

GRANT No.27

("54—Famine Relief")

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.40,050 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "54—Famine Relief".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	4,79,504
2. Excess amount now required	40,050

Sir, the explanation is given below:

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess was due to non-reimbursement of the amount due from Indian People's Trust Fund within the year. The amount was reimbursed in 1952-53. There has been no net expenditure to the State Government, though technically there has been an excess expenditure in 1951-52.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.40,050 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "54—Famine Relief".

(The Motion was put as a question and was adopted.)

No.8

GRANT No.34

("71.—Capital outlay on Schemes of Agriculture Improvement and Research.")

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.2,842 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "71—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	2,19,800
2. Excess amount now required	2,842

The Explanatory Notes explain the need of the demand

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The small excess of Rs.2,842 against the net final grant of Rs.2,19,800 was mainly due to fall in receipts under the Scheme than was estimated during the year as some of the tractors which were put under field operation become idle for a short period due to repairs.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.2,842 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "71—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research".

(The Motion was put as a question and was adopted.)

No.9

GRANT No.37

("85.—A.—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Government Trading.")

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.42,68,970 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Government Trading".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	300
2. Excess amount now required	42,68,970

Sir, the Explanatory Notes explain the position.

EXPLANATION NOTES

The excess over the grant during 1951-52 was mainly due to the following:—

(1) Carry over of more stock of foodstuff on 31st March, 1952 than what was anticipated, consequent on the fall in offtake and consequent non-realisation of value of foodstuffs, etc., held in stock according to anticipation

In a commercial undertaking pertaining to procurement and disposal of foodstuff where the policy of Government is maximum procurement irrespective of the quantum of consumption, with a view to build sufficient reserve in order to meet any emergency, and where issue on credit to Government,

Railway, etc., is admissible, estimates of receipt and expenditure cannot be worked out with fair accuracy in the absence of any dependable data. Variation of figures both in respect of receipt and expenditure between the budget and actual is, therefore, inevitable.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.42,68,970 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on Scheme of Government Trading".

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have not been able to move any Cut Motion on this demand. As a matter of fact, I have not been able to understand the Explanatory Notes itself. It may be due to my colossal ignorance. At any rate, I want certain clarification from the Minister-in-charge with regard to this as to whether it is sound from the point of view of financial rule. I find that Rule 92 of the Financial Rules says that the process of controlling expenditure is not to adapt the appropriations to the expenditure, but to adapt the expenditure to the appropriations. Thus it says Rule 93—when such expenditure is inevitable, it should be considered whether some other items of expenditure can be dropped to make room for the new items. Now I find what has been said actually action has been taken to the contrary of the rules. I may be wrong, I want a clarification, Sir, I do not know whether the rules were followed.

Lastly Rules 95 says that when the Minister-in-charge of the department concerned is unable to make a re-appropriation of funds within the same minor head to meet expenditure on a sanctioned object, the Secretary in the department concerned should apply to the Finance Department for a supplementary appropriation, and should suggest, if possible a re-appropriation from some other minor head, etc. Now why was no Supplementary Grant taken. Why in the course of the preparation of the general budget it could not be visualised as what amount will be ultimately necessary ? Why was there no supplementary grant during the budget time. That could have been made even during the Budget Session and that is generally done. Sir, here Rule 95 says— "If a need arises for expenditure within the financial year on some object not contemplated in the budget, the Secretary in the department concerned should apply to the Finance Department for an additional grant with a memorandum containing the same

information as is required in the schedule of new expenditure referred to in Chapter VII and should show either—

(*a*) that the expenditure has been newly imposed by statute or by the order of a court of law or other competent authority, or

(*b*) that urgent necessity has arisen for the proposed expenditure and that postponement would cause serious loss to the public service"—But Sir, this was not solved in this case.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are you rather vague in this point ?

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : I want a clarification from the Minister-in-charge because as far as I understand, in this particular case the financial rule has been completely ignored. In this connection Sir, I refer to Rules 92, 93 and 95 of the Budget Manual of the Government of Assam I understand that these rules have been completely ignored and if I am wrong, I shall be too glad to hear from the Minister-in-charge on State Schemes of Government Trading.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shall we take up after lunch?

(*Voices*: It is better to finish it, it will not take much time of the House.)

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) : Sir, I cannot understand why my Friend could not understand the Explanatory Notes. The notes are made quite clear. The excess over the grant during 1951-52 were mainly due to the following—

"Carry over of more stock of foodstuff on 31st March, 1952 then was anticipated, consequent on the fall in offtake and consequent non-realisation of value of foodstuffs, etc., held in stock according to anticipation." Sir, it has been said that this was a token grant and the grant finally voted by the Assembly was Rs.300. It was a token grant, it does not matter whether the amount would be Rs.300 or Re.1. It was anticipated that the money would be spent for purchase of foodstuffs, etc. Sir, it has been found that during the war years and in certain cases, even if there was excess stock in that case also a Supplementary Demand is to be brought. Sir, in this particular case it has been clearly stated that this could not be anticipated and because

of this reason, it has been mentioned clearly in paragraph (2) of the Explanatory Notes that it was the policy of the then Government to procure as much food as they could because that was a particular emergency period and they had to bring rice and other foodstuffs from outside and that was in the year 1951. If I remember aright, Sir, food at that time had to be brought even by aeroplanes. They had to buy foodstuffs wherever they could and they wanted to keep sufficient stock. The demand was not according to our expectation. Sir, the money that was spent could not be realised due to non-realisation of the value of foodstuffs ; hence the Supplementary Demand could not be brought then. Sir, every year we are coming up with Supplementary Demands and now also we are coming up with this particular demand not that it was purposely ignored but because it could not be anticipated.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.42,68,970, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "85.—A.-Capital Outlay on Schemes of Government Trading."

(*After a pause.*)

(The Motion was put before the House as a question and was adopted).

Notice regarding group photograph of all M. L. As'. and Assembly Secretariat Staff.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I shall read a Notice.

"A Group photograph of the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly with the Secretariat Staff will be taken at the eastern quadrangle of the Assembly Building on the 21st December, 1956 immediately after the House rises in the forenoon. All Members are requested to be present there.

The photo will be taken by Messrs., Roy Studio, Malki, Shillong and the photographer will approach the Members with a proof copy of the photograph on the morning of 22nd December, 1956 in the Members' Hostel with whom order may

be placed direct by any Member who may require copy for his personal use.

Shillong
The 20th December, 1956.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary,
Legislative Assembly, Assam."

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 2 P.M.

(*After lunch*)

Voting on Demands for Excess Grants for 1952-53

No.1

Grant No.4

"9.—Stamps"

Shri A. ALLEY (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam. I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.7,649 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps",

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	83,900
2. Excess amount now required	7,649

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Excess is due to payment of discount at an enhanced rate due to the Amendment of Stamp and Court Fees Act, 1950 from 1st April 1950.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is "that an additional amount of Rs.7,649 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "9—Stamps".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question "is that an additional amount of Rs.7,649 be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

(The Motion was adopted.)

No. 2

GRANT No. 9

("18.-B and 68.-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works.")

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.27,28,657, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1957, for the administration of the head "18.-B. and 68.-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	28,31,410
2. Excess amount now required	27,28,657

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Note.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Prior to the year 1953-54 the incidence of cost on Grow-More-Food Schemes was borne by the State Government and Government of India in the ratio of 1 : 2. In order to exhibit the share of expenditure to be borne by the Government of India a recovery sub-head was opened under the head "*Deduct*—Receipts and Recoveries" subordinate to the Major head "68. B.—Navigation, Embankment, Drainage Works, etc." and a *minus* provision was made accordingly to reduce the gross expenditure by the Government of India's share of the expenditure. Long after the above procedure was adopted and the Budget framed accordingly, this (procedure) was not found regular. Therefore the Government of India's share was in fact credited to a different head and hence there was no corresponding *minus* expenditure shown under the above head of Account. This resulted in excess on the net expenditure under the Grant.

However as the receipts on account of the Grow More Food Schemes representing the share borne by Government of India were adjusted under the Receipts head of the Government, *viz.*, "L. I.—Extra-ordinary Receipts", there was no adverse effect on the Revenue of the State as a whole.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is "that an additional amount of Rs. 27,28,657, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works."

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 27,28,657, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "18-B. and 68.-B.Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

(The Motion was adopted.)

No. 3

GRANT No. 31

("54.—Famine Relief")

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minsiter): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.577, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "54.—Famine Relief".

		Rs.
1.	Grant finally voted by Assembly	2,80,367
2.	Excess amount now required	577

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess was due to wrong calculation in Accountant General's Office. The fact was brought to the notice of the Accountant General and the amount was subsequently adjusted in the accounts for 1953-54 There has been no net expenditure to the State Government, though technically there has been an excess expenditure in 1952-53.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is "that an additional amount of Rs.577, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "54.—Famine Relief".

There is no Cut Motion

The question is "that an additional amount of Rs. 577, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "54.—Famine Relief".

(The Motion was adopted.)

No. 4.

GRANT No.32

("55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions".)

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs.25,669, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "55—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	33,61,637
2. Excess amount now required	25,669

The need for this amount has been explained in the Explanatory Notes fully.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess is due to receipt of unanticipated debit from an Accounts Officer outside Assam after the close of the year on account of pensionary charges payable by Assam, for services rendered by some officers in this State.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is "that an additional amount of Rs.25,669, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions".

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is "that an additional amount of Rs. 25,669, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of head "55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions".

The Motion was adopted.

No. 5.

GRANT No. 38

("XLVI-A.—Road Transport Scheme—Working Expenses.")

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I

beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 1,99,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "XLVI-A—Road Transport Scheme—Working Expenses"

		Rs.
1.	Grant finally voted by the Assembly	4,88,600
2.	Excess amount now required	1,99,500

The need for this amount has been fully explained in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess was mainly due to the following reasons:—

1. The Director General of Supplies and Disposals through whom the Supply of Motor spares, tyres and tubes were obtained by State Transport, admitted payment upto 90 per cent in advance in March, 1953 without any intimation to this Government in respect of the Stores inspected by their Inspector against supply meant for despatch.

2. The Director General of Supplies and Disposals also effected supply of some spares against items outstanding for old orders placed during 1950-51 and 1951-52 and made payment without any timely intimation to this Government in advance.

The information about the above payments made by the Director General of Supply and Disposals was not communicated by them to this Government in time before 15th March 1953 and these payments being not ordinarily expected to be made during the year, the excess could not be covered by any Supplementary grant during the year. And hence the excess is to be covered now by a Supplementary Grant under clause 205(*b*) of the Constitution of India.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is "that an additional amount of Rs. 1,99,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "XLVI-A.—Road Transport Scheme—Working Expenses.

There is no Cut Motion.

The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 1,99,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "XLVIA—Road Transport Scheme—Working Expenses."

(The Motion was adopted.)

No.6

GRANT No. 40

"72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development"

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.6,491, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953. for the administration of the head "72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	78,000
2. Excess amount now required	6,491

The explanatory notes give the reason for this demand.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess is due to smaller receipt than originally anticipated. A sum of Rs.20,000 was estimated to be the receipt of the Department against which a sum of Rs.10,655 was actually received.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.6,491, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development."

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

No. 7

GRANT No.43

"85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading".

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.1,94,28,986, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading".

	Rs.
1. Grant finally voted by the Assembly	11,31,391
2. Excess amount now required	1,94,28,986

Sir, the explanatory notes explain the position.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess over the grant during 1952-53, was mainly due to the following:—

(1) Carry over of more stock of foodstuff on 31st March 1953, than what was anticipated, consequent on the fall in offtake and consequent non-realisation of value of foodstuffs, etc., held in stock according to anticipation.

In a commercial undertaking pertaining to procurement and disposal of foodstuff where the policy of Government is maximum procurement irrespective of the quantum of consumption, with a view to build sufficient reserve in order to meet any emergency, and where issue on credit to Government, Railway, etc., is admissible, estimates of receipt and expenditure cannot be worked out with fair accuracy in the absence of any dependable data. Variation of figures both in respect of receipt, and expenditure between the bubget and actual is, therefore, inevitable.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.1,94,28,986, be granted to the Minister-in-charge for meeting certain excess expenditure incurred during the year ending 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading".

(The Motion was put by the Chair as question before the House, and was adopted).

Votes on Account Budget for the year 1957-58

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an amount not exceeding Rs.9,92,81,000 (Rupees nine crores, ninety-two lakhs and eighty-one thousand), be granted to the Governor in advance to defray certain essential charges which will come in course of payment during a part of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1958, as per grants shown in column 5 of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

No. of Grant	Description	Amount required on account		
		General (voted)	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas (voted)	Total (voted)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax.	29,000	..	29,000
2	7.—Land Revenue	19,22,000	19,000	19,41,000
3	8.—State Excise Duties	4,15,000	35,000	4,50,000
4	9.—Stamps	32,000	1,000	33,000
5	10.—Forests	14,12,000	6,37,000	20,49,000
6	11.—Registration..	57,000	1,000	58,000
7	12.—Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts.	2,62,000	13,000	2,75,000
8	13.—Other Taxes and Duties	1,58,000	33,000	1,91,000
9	18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works.	73,39,000	63,000	74,02,000
10	19.—Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works.	..	..	..
11	25.—General Administration	23,34,000	4,79,000	28,13,000
12	27.—Administration of Justice	4,23,000	11,000	4,34,000
13	28.—Jails and Convict Settlement	3,52,000	63,000	4 15,000
14	29.—Police	44,49,000	33,01,000	77,50,000
15	30.—Ports and Pilotage	..	..	..
16	36.—Scientific Departments	7,000	..	7,000
17	37.—Education	93,62,000	14,19,000	1,07,81,000
18	38.—Medical	30,09,000	3,90,000	33,99,000
19	39.—Public Health	21,60,000	1,70,000	23,30,000
20	40.—Agriculture	28,10,000	9,40,000	37,50,000
21	40.—Agriculture—II.—Fisheries	1,18,000	..	1,18,000
22	41.—Veterinary	10,66,000	1,17,000	11,83,000
23	42.—Co-operation—I.—Co-operative Societies	4,65,000	1,09,000	5,74,000

No. of Grant	Description	Amount required on account: General (voted)	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas (voted)	Total (voted)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
24	42.—Co-operation—II.—Rural Development	13,78,000	47,000	14,25,000
25	43.—Industries and Supplies—I.—Sericulture and Weaving.	12,75,000	1,71,000	13,96,000
26	43.—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries.	15,82,000	1,46,000	17,28,000
27	47.—Miscellaneous Departments	3,20,000	1,000	3,21,000
28	50.—Civil Works	73,73,000	38,95,000	1,12,68,000
29	Tools and Plant and Establishments ..	14,00,000	4,14,000	18,14,000
30	52-A.—Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme.	90,000	..	90,000
31	54.—Famine Relief	2,81,000	1,19,000	4,00,000
32	54-A.—Territorial and Political Pensions ..			
	55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pension	10,68,000	22,000	10,90,000
	83.—Payments of commuted value of Pensions			
33	56.—Stationery and Printing	5,74,000	2,000	5,76,000
34	57.—Miscellaneous—[I.—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and detenus, etc.]	38,000	39,000	77,000
35	57.—Miscellaneous—[II.—Donations for charitable purposes, etc.].	3,40,000	2,01,000	5,41,000
36	57.—Miscellaneous—[III.—Contributions, etc.]	4,02,000	..	4,02,000
37	57.—Miscellaneous—[IV.—Expenditure on issue of Free Ration and Rice Concession, etc.].	3,000	1,50,000	1,53,000
38	57.—Miscellaneous—[V—Pooled Transport and Contribution, etc.]	28,000	..	28,000
39	57.—Miscellaneous—[VI.—Expenditure on Displaced Persons].	8,24,000	..	8,24,000
40	57.—[Miscellaneous—[VII.—Advanced Technical Training and Scholarships, etc.].	2,000	..	2,000
41	57.—Miscellaneous—[VIII.—Schemes for Control of Cloth and Yarn.]	27,000	4,000	31,000
42	57-B.—Capital Outlay on Road Transport Scheme.	...	..	..
43	63.—Extraordinary charges	..	..	..

No. of Grant	Description	Amount required on account		
		General (voted)	Sixth Schedule Part A Areas (voted)	Total (voted)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
44	63-B.—Community Development Projects ..	12,16,000	13,44,000	25,60,000
45	63-B—I.—Community Development Projects, National Extension Service and Local Development Works.	..	...	..
46	64-C.—Prepartition payments	5,000	..	5,000
47	XLVIA.—Road Transport Schemes Working expenses.	23,69,000	..	23,69,000
47A	XLI.—Electricity Scheme Working expenses ..	3,25,000	..	3,25,000
48	65.—Capital Outlay on Forests .. .	1,56,090	35,000	1,91,000
49	71.—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research.	2,22,000	2,000	2,24,000
50	72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development.	..	..	..
50A	72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development—[I.—Investment in other Commercial Concern].	15,00,000	..	15,00,000
50B	72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development —[II.—Development of Co-operative].	2,50,000	..	2,50,000
50C	72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development—[III.—Development of Cottage Industries and Sericulture and Weaving].	10,75,000	..	10,75,000
51	81.—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account.	34,10,000	2,60,000	36,70,000
52	81-A.—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes	21,09,000	..	21,09,000
53	82.—Capital Account of other State Works outside the Revenue Account.	3,09,000	..	3,09,000
54	82-B —Capital Outlay on Road and Water Transport Schemes outside the Revenue Account.	13,27,000	..	13,27,000
55	85 A.—Capital Outlay on State Schemes of Government Trading.	16,32,000	1,53,000	17,85,000
56	Loans and Advances	1,30,76,000	3,58,000	1,34,34,000
	Total	8,41,17,000	1,51,64,000	9,92,81,000

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an amount not exceeding Rs.9,92,81,000 be granted to the Governor in advance to defray certain essential charges which will come in course of payment during a part of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958, as per grants shown in column 5 of the Schedule.

I shall not read out the Schedule which has already been stated by the Finance Minister.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

The Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1956

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1956.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have a message from the Governor:

"Under the provisions of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend introduction to the Legislative Assembly of Assam of the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1956 and also consideration of the said Bill by the said Assembly.

Shillong,' S. FAZL ALI,

The 21st December, 1956. Governor of Assam."

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1956, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1956, be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

The Assam Appropriation (No.VI) (Vote on Account) Bill, 1956

Mr. SPEAKER: Here is a message from the Governor.

"Under the provisions of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend introduction to the Legislative Assembly of Assam of the Assam Appropriation (No. VI) (Vote on Account) Bill, 1956, and also consideration of the said Bill by the said Assembly.

Shillong, S. FAZL ALI,

The 21st December, 1956. Governor of Assam."

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. VI) (Vote on Account) Bill, 1956.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.VI) (Vote on Account) Bill, 1956, be introduced.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be taken in to consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Bill be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. VI) (Vote on Account) Bill, 1956, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.VI) (Vote on Account) Bill, 1956, be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

The Assam Appropriation (No. VII) Bill, 1956

Mr. SPEAKER: Another message from the Governor.

"Under the provisions of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend introduction to the Legislative Assembly of Assam of the Assam Appropriation (No. VII) Bill, 1956, and also consideration of the said Bill by the said Assembly.

Shillong, S. FAZL ALI,

The 21st December, 1956. Governor of Assam"

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. VII) Bill, 1956.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No. VII) Bill, 1956, be introduced.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Bill be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. VII) Bill, 1956, be passed. There is no amendment on this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.VII) Bill, 1956, be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

The Assam Appropriation (No.VIII) Bill, 1956

Mr. SPEAKER: I have a message from the Governor.

"Under the provisions of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend introduction to the Legislative Assembly of Assam of the Assam Appropriation (No. VIII) Bill, 1956, and also consideration of the said Bill by the said Assembly.

Shillong, S. FAZL ALI,

The 21st December, 1956. Governor of Assam".

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. VIII) Bill, 1956.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No. VIII) Bill, 1956, be introduced.

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.VIII) Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. VIII) Bill, 1956, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.VIII) Bill, 1956, be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

Government Resolution regarding approval of an expenditure of Rs.1,32,17,132 under the head "18.-B and 68—B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works"

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.1,32,17,132 under the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works" for the items below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

"18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works". The reason for this is fully explained in the Explanatory Notes.

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ..	6,15,19,200	7,75,000	6,22,94,200
II.—Supplementary Grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	..	..	..
III.—Sub-head under which the appropriation will be accounted for—			
18-B.—N.E.D. Works—Financed from Ordinary Revenues			
(*i*) A.—Works	5,732	..	5,732
(*ii*) H.—Training and Education	2,500	..	2,500
68-B.—N.E.D. Works—Financed from Capital Revenues—Development Schemes (1st Five Year Plan)—			
(*i*) Maintenance and Repair—Minor Irrigation.	23,37,000	..	23,37,000
(*ii*) Maintenance and Repair—Flood Damage repairs.	24,78,000	3,000	24,81,000
68-B.—N.E.D. Works—Financed from Capital Revenues—Development Schemes (2nd Five-Year Plan)—			
(*i*) Unproductive Works—Additional Minor Irrigation Schemes.	30,58,000	50,000	31,08,000
(*ii*) Grow-More-Food Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes—Schemes for improvement of Scarcity Areas.	21,33,000	1,67,000	23,00,000
(*iii*) Grow-More-Food Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes.	12,33,000	84,000	13,17,000
Development Schemes—(2nd Five-Year Plan—Central)—			
(*iv*) Unproductive Works	9,13,000	..	9,13,000
(*v*) Unproductive Works—Flood Control ..	7,52,900	..	7,52,900
Total ..	1,29,13,132	3,04,000	1,32,17,132

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. 18-B.—N. E. D. Works—

(*i*) For details please *see* Appendix 'A' at page 3.

(*ii*) With a view to import upto date technique in engeering to serving Engineers in the various fields to suit the requirements of present day problems the University of Roorkee has started a Refresher Course for serving Engineers for a duration of 3 to 6 months. The University requested this Government to dispute Engineering Officers to attend the course. Due to dearth of Engineering Officers this Department could not avail the first course. The next course in Civil Engineering commences from 15th January 1957 and it is proposed to depute two temporary Engineers to Roorkee to attend the course for a period of three months. An amount of Rs. 2,500 (approximately) will be required to defray the expenses in connection with their admission fee, tuition fee, boarding charges and Travelling Allowance, etc., in this connection as detailed below :—

"18-B.—N.E.D. Works—Establishment—Tools and Plant—H. Training and Education—General".

		Rs.
Admission fee at Rs.50 each	50×2 =	100
Tuition fee at Rs.75 each per mensem for three month	150×3 =	450
Boarding allowance at Rs.100 each per mensem for three months	200×3 =	600
		1,150
Travelling allowance of the Officers deputed training for the journey to Roorkee and back		1,350
		2,500

2. 68-B.—N.E.D. Works—Development Schemes (1st Five-Year Plan). The additional amount is required for the proper maintenance of many newly completed embankments which the heavy floods in this year have caused breaches to various embankment and dykes, etc., constructed so far which are to be restored to proper conditions.

3. 68-B.—N.E.D. Works—Development Schemes, etc.

(*i*) to (*v*) For details please *see* Appendix 'A'* at pages 4 to 22.

*Appendix not printed.

4. Savings are due to the following reasons :—

18-B.—N.E.D. Works—

(*i*) The work was provided in the current year's budget as a minor work with a provision of Rs.5,000. The additional requirement of Rs.732 will be met from the Savings under the head due to modification of the estimate of another minor work whose estimate is reduced now by Rs.732.

(*ii*) Saving is due to dearth of qualified technical staff.

68-B.—N.E.D. Works (1st Five-Year Plan)—

(*i*) & (*ii*)—Due to late finalisation of certain New Flood-Control Works and also due to less requirement on maintenance of Flood Control Works.

68-B.—N.E.D.—Works—Development Schemes, etc.

(*i*) to (*iv*).—Savings are due to the transfer of works as per Appendix 'A'* at pages 4-21 from the sub-head "Unproductive Works—Flood Control" under which they were originally provided to the present head of account and the savings thus accrued under "Unproductive Works—Flood Control" will be re-appropriated to meet the expenditure for the works under these heads.

(*v*) Lump provision already existed under the head in the budget for New Schemes and the expenditure will be met from this provision.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs.1,32,17,132 under the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works". The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

Government Resolution regarding approval of an expenditure of Rs.29,20,357 under the head "29.—Police".

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.29,20,357 under the head "29.—Police" for the items below, The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

*Appendix not printed.

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	1,58,54,700	28,69,400	1,87,24,100
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	37,96,064	66,88,825	1,04,84,889
III.—Sub head under which the Appropriation will be accounted for—			
B.—D. E. F.—			
(*a*) District Police—			
1. Pay of Officers		51,193	51,193
2. Pay of Establishment		4,02,061	4,02,061
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...		1,00,343	1,00,343
4. Contingencies		23,19,217	23,19,217
5. Hospital Charges		47,543	47,543
Total		29,20,357	29,20,357

The Explanatory Note is appended in the Resolution. I hope the hon. Members will accept the Resolution.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

As the condition in the Naga Hills are likely to remain disturbed for a considerable period, it is necessary to have adequate strength of armed force with superior training and equipment in the Naga Hills for immediate operational duty and for regular work later. For the purpose, therefore, of augmenting the existing measures for the preservation of law and order in the Naga Hills, the Government of India have agreed with the State Government to raise two battalions of Assam Rifles to be named the 10th and 11th Battalions of Assam Rifles with effect from 1st November, 1956. The estimated expenditure on this account is Rs.77,00,000 during the current year out of which Rs.47,79,643 will be met by Supplementary Demand and the balance of Rs.29 20,357 by Re-appropriation.

Hence the neccessity for this amount of Rs.29,20,357.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.29,30,357 under the head "29.—Police".

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted).

Government Resolution regarding approval of an expenditure of Rs.3,50,000 under the head "40.—Agriculture"

Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.3,50,000 under the head "40.—Agriculture" by re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated below :—

	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
"40.—Agriculture"—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. I—Grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	97,87,700	31,42,000	1,29,29,700
2. Additional grant voted by the Assembly during August-September Session of the Assembly.	79,480	Nil	79,480
3. Minor and Sub-head under which the Appropriation will be accounted for—			
2—Second Five-Year Plan—			
F-6.—Agricultural Experiments and Research—			
(*iii*) Power-Pump Scheme...	3,50,000	Nil	3,50,000
	3,50,000	Nil	3,50,000
4. Minor and Sub-head from which the amount to be re-appropriated—			
2nd Five-Year Plan—			
A-6.—Direction—			
Headquarter Staff Scheme :—			
(1) Pay of Officers... ...	14,000	...	14,000
(2) Pay of Establishment ...	13,000	..	13,000
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	14,500	...	14,500
(4) Contingencies	3,400	...	3,400
	44,900	...	44,900

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.-6.—Superintendence :—			
(1) Pay of Officers... ...	Nil	...	Nil
(2) Pay of Establishment ...	77,800	...	77,800
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	60,700	...	60,000
(4) Contingencies	11,500	...	11,500
	1,50,000	...	1,50,000
F-6.—Agricultural Experiments and Research—			
I. Seed Multiplication and Distribution Scheme—	5,55,000	...	5,55,000
(*vi*) Plan Protection Scheme—	1,40,800	...	1,40,800
(*vii*) Scheme for popularisation of Nitrogenous Phosphatic and Potash Manure.	1,51,400	...	1,51,400
	8,47,200	...	8,47,200
Grand total ...	10,42,100	...	10,42,100

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This additional amount of Rs.3,50,000 under the "F-6(III)—Power-Pump Scheme" is necessary to meet the cost of pumping sets ordered during last year which have arrived this year. During the Budget Session of 1955-56 provision of a sum of Rs.9,00,000 was made under the Power-Pump Scheme by Supplementary Demand for the purchase of some pumping sets to meet the increased demand of pumping sets from the cultivators. But the amount could not be utilised as the firms with whom the orders were placed failed to supply the pumps during the said financial year primarily due to transport difficulty. Hence this demand.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.3,50,000 only under the head "40.—Agriculture" by re-appropriation from the sanctioned grant as indicated in the Resolution.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER : This finishes the proceedings.

Friends, this is our last occasion for meeting unless some emergency arises and I shall treasure the contact which I have had with you, for the last five years and which is one of the friendliest Assembly which I have had. It has been due to your co-operation, good fellowship and willingness that the administration has been able to run through the many crises and many important measures. I have received the greatest co-operation from the Treasury Benches and I must say that they have given their co-operation, loyalty, allegiance and help that can be expected of them and the Opposition has contributed equally for the success of the Assembly. I shall remember you all. Pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the moment. I thank you all for the kindness extended to me and the Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Bhattacharyya of the Communist party and all other Members who have rendered great help wherever necessary and I thank you all again.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, to-day is the last day probably for the meeting of the Assembly which we have had for the last 5 years and immediately after our present Constitution came into being, and it is gratifying to see that we have received on behalf of the Government all co-operation and valuable suggestions from the Members not only of our Party but from the Members belonging to the Opposition also and their valuable suggestions were also of good service to us. With their full co-operation we have been able to solve many problems. I hope we will all remember the good relationship which we have had during this period of 5 years as Members of the same family in discharging the duties as Members of the Legislature. We on behalf of this part of the House convey our heartiest thanks to the Hon'ble Speaker who was very helpful during our discussion in the Assembly in a very smooth and pleasant manner and we will always cherish the high standard he maintained in conducting the business of the House. We will remember the pleasant moment we have had with the Opposition also and I think during the election campaign also this pleasant atmosphere will be maintained in spite of our differences. I hope this pleasant occasion and relationship will be carried outside also which will help us in discharging our duties satisfactorily to the people of Assam. With these few words, I again thank the Hon'ble Speaker. We will be missing him of course, but we will try to keep contact with him outside and look to him for his help and advice in various matters of public importance.

* **Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as we part to-day, my mind goes back to the last five years during which we had occasions to be rough as well as disposed. I am confident that whatever happened on the floor of the House was for the sake of greater clarification in the years that confronted us. There is nothing bitter amongst us during these five years. Sir, you have ably conducted the proceedings of this House and maintained the dignity of the House. I am able to say that unlike elsewhere, we have been able to function in a very friendly manner in spite of great differences. I am sure that this is the way how democracy is to function, for we are not only interested in building up a good Government but we are also interested in building up a healthy democratic society in spite of our differences, and we shall be able to live and work together. Sir, as we part to-day, I only hope that we shall always remember that the interest of the State is the greatest, and whatever smaller interest we might have for the time being, we shall be able to surrender for the greater interest of the State. Sir, we hope that even during the elections, the cordial spirit that prevailed amongst us during these past five years will continue. I am glad that during these five years we have been able to know each other more closely, and if we speak against each other, it is not because of any personal bitterness, it is because we have different programmes and different ideologies. Therefore, during the elections we shall function in the same manner and teach the people that it is possible to have different ideologies and yet work together in the cause of building up the country and uplifting the lot of the people. With these words, I thank you once again for the help you rendered both to us as well as to the whole House, and I hope we will be able to come into closer contact even when you are not here.

Prorogation

Mr. SPEAKER: I shall now read out the Governor's order proroguing the Assembly. The order is as follows. In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) (*a*) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended up-to-date, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on the 21st December, 1956.

S. FAZL ALI,
Governor of Assam.

The Assembly was then prorogued.

Shillong:
The 17th May 1957

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary, Legislative Assembly,
Assam.

* Speech not corrected.

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